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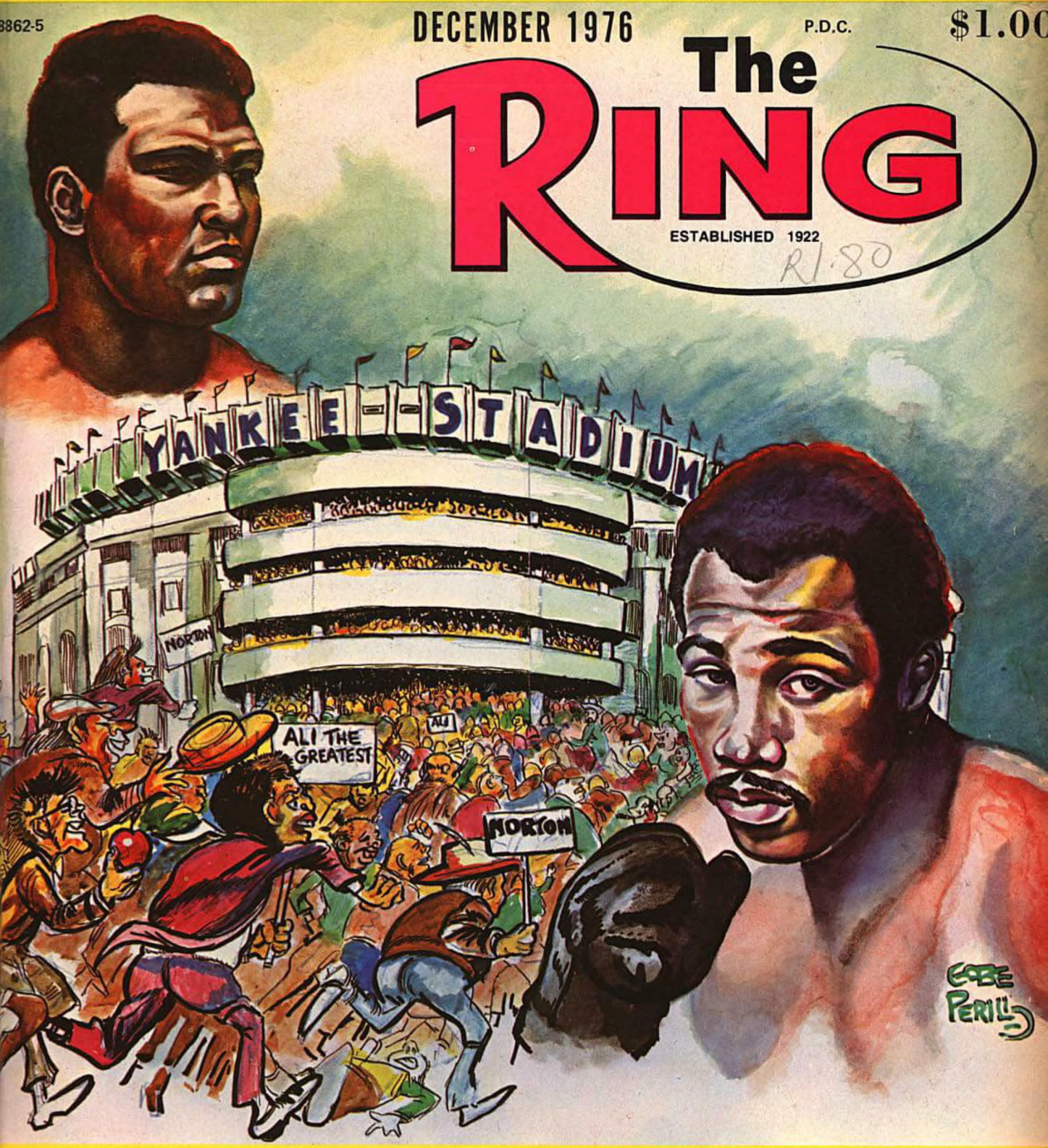

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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of The RING

IN 1973 THE RING magazine established the United States Ratings with a champion heading up each weight class. At that time it was hoped that a promoter would pick up the suggestion and run a tournament to give complete credence to each champion and the rated fighters in each division, who were rated on the merit of their results in the ring.

At that time James A. Farley, Jr., head of the New York State Athletic Commission, gave recognition to THE RING's choices, and the United States began what has developed into a new source of talent for boxing.

Three years later an enterprising promoter, Don King, recognized that United States champions, coming out of a tournament utilizing RING ratings as its basis, would have great potential in domestic and world markets.

The United States Tournament will be promoted by Don King and televised by The American Broadcasting Company beginning in January. All of America will be able to see the best in America compete against one other with the winners to be recognized as the United States champions in each division.

The winners will be recognized by THE RING, as well as the tournament authorities, and each champion will be awarded aA United States Championship belt that he will keep as a token of his supremacy in the tournament.

James A. Farley, Jr., chairman of The New York State Athletic Commission, will head up the Tournament Committee, which will set up the rules under which the bouts will be staged by promoter Don King.

THE RING will be adviser to the committee and help in the setting up of the rules that will be used.

The rules will follow closely the New York State rules, but where bouts are held in territories outside of New York State the Tournament Committee will have the right to allow states with established rules to implement these so as not to conflict with Tournament rules in legal and other fields.

All of the fighters, including the current listed champions in each division, will receive an open invitation to compete in the tourney with the winner in each class crowned.

It is to be hoped that all fighters in THE RING's United States ratings will compete, since the winner will receive a superb financial reimbursement for his services, and will in addition, should he win, be in a position to challenge the champions of other countries in bouts that will draw world wide attention.

There is no doubt but that the winners of international bouts, those between U.S. champs and those of foreign countries, will be the position to have claim on world title holders and be considered as serious contenders for world honors.

What this all means for world boxing is a resurgence of United States boxing and greater participation in boxing by fighters of all countries. This can only lead to more and better boxing for the fans and a chance to replenish the much seen current crop of fighters around the world with new faces.

Boxing's big problem currently is the lack of a new crop. Fighters enter the professional lists in droves, but unlike years gone by, will drop by the roadside if they are not immediate successes. The cost of living and the lack of places for new fighters to compete, especially in the United States, is a causal factor.

In former years fighters would commonly have hundreds of fights in a career, but this is no longer true. Even champions complete their careers with as few as fifty or less bouts under their belts.

The tournament about to begin will open up a whole new world for fighters who have had no place to sell their wares. Using the tourney as a spring board, their services will be in demand in all countries, and not just religated to their native soil.

Of serious note, especially in U.S. boxing, has been the drive to consider boxing basically in terms of heavyweights. Both promoters and television are oriented primarily toward heavyweight action. With this tournament, America will be able to see men of all weights in action, and this could very well open up the field to the fighters of other divisions. They, too, can share in the money that being on the video tube brings to the fighters.

Americans have almost written off all fighters except heavyweights, mainly because the fans have never seen what lighter men can give in the way of boxing enjoyment.

We trust that the tournament will change this one sided feeling and bring all weight classes into proper focus once again.

To the American fan I can only say that you can be prepared to see ushered in a new era, with U.S.

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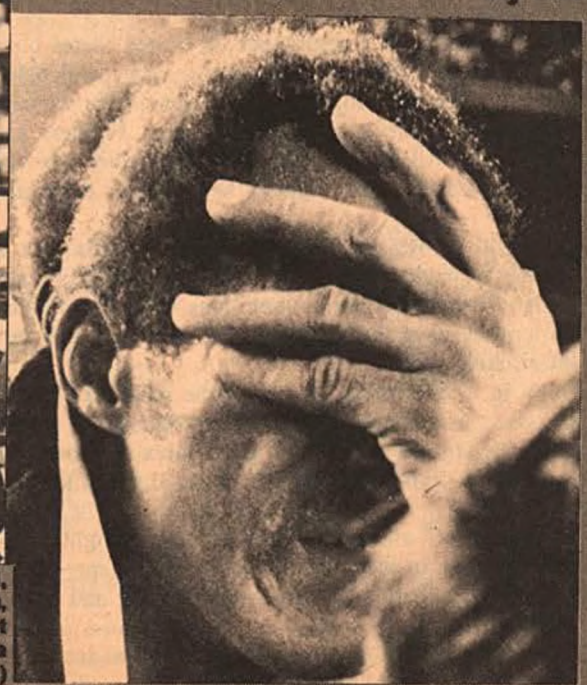
(Left) Before the bout heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali shows his bravado as he taunts Ken Norton. (Above) In the closing rounds of the 15 rounder, the usually springy Ali shows signs of fatigue and concern over the outcome of the fight.

Ali-Norton #3: Lackluster Bout Controversial

By NAT LOUBET



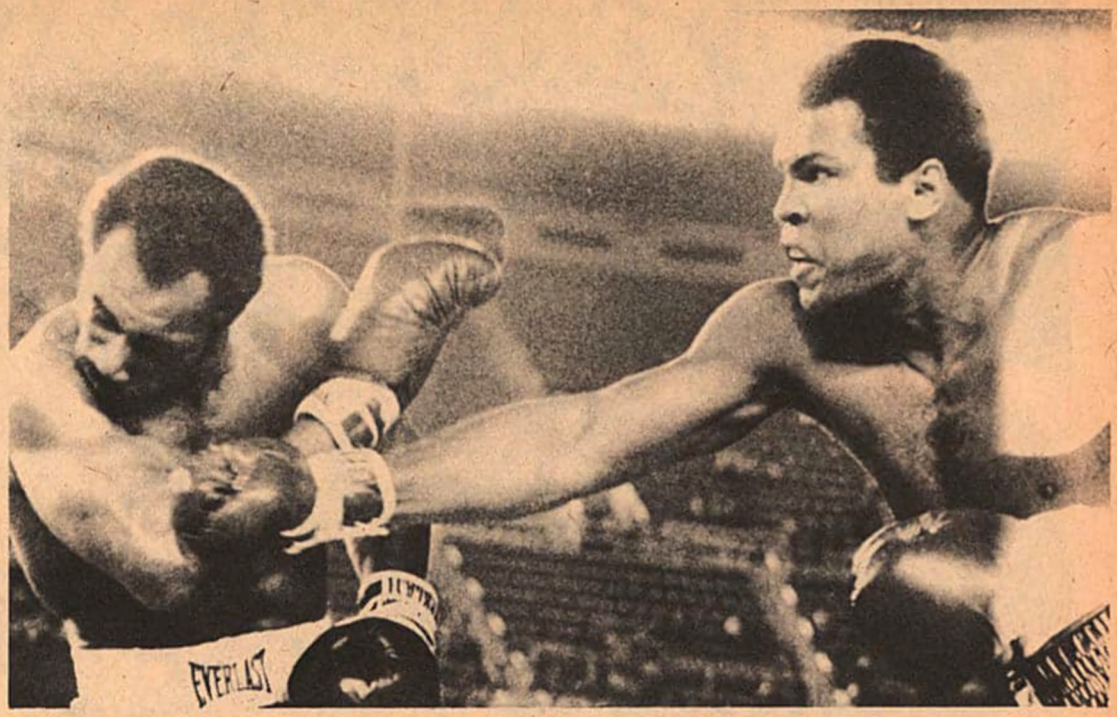
Moments after the final bell sounded, Ken Norton showed jubilation (above), certain that he had won the bout, but then the scores were read giving Ali a unanimous victory, and Norton (right) wept bitterly.

FOR the first time since 1959 when Ingemar Johansson won the heavyweight crown from Floyd Patterson, a title fight took place in New York's Yankee Stadium. Promoters in recent years have shunned the outdoor promotions due to television and the inherent dangers of weather.

There were few weather problems at the stadium as Muhammad Ali at 271 pounds won a narrow decision over his persistent challenger, Ken Norton at 217½ pounds, on a fifteen round decision, which had half the working press in favor of the verdict with the remainder of the Fourth Estate giving the nod to Norton.

The writer, shivering in 54 degree weather, scored the fight 9 rounds to 6 in favor of the champi-

(Right) Ali drives a solid right to the head of Ken Norton in the second round of their third encounter, which took place at Yankee Stadium, in New York. Both prior bouts also went the distance, with Norton winning the first, Ali, the second. (Below) Norton gets Ali in a corner and tries to land some telling blows.



on, in what was a hard, gruelling fight for Ali. The contest did not live up to expectations as to the action witnessed.

In two previous fights with Norton, the first in which Ali's jaw was broken and he lost and the second meeting, in which Ali received a controversial decision were slightly tepid affairs for the fans who expect their heavyweights to give them a brand of smashing, destructive action.

The third meeting of Ali and Norton was much like the second fight, with the exception that Norton showed himself to be a taciturn technician. He was the aggressor for most of the contest, and finished the twelfth round ahead on rounds and points, but he lost the thirteenth and fifteenth rounds, the latter by a big margin.

By losing the last round he lost his chance at the heavyweight crown that was within his grasp.

A champion always has the edge with officials, and when going into the last round a contest is very close the challenger must win that round going away to have much of a chance to win the crown. When the champ wins the last round by a large margin he is fairly sure of retaining his championship. Ali did just that.

Had Norton been more effective in the later rounds when Ali outpunched the challenger with counter blows that were not any more devastating than those of his challenger, but which were in most instances more plentiful, then Norton would now be the heavyweight champion.

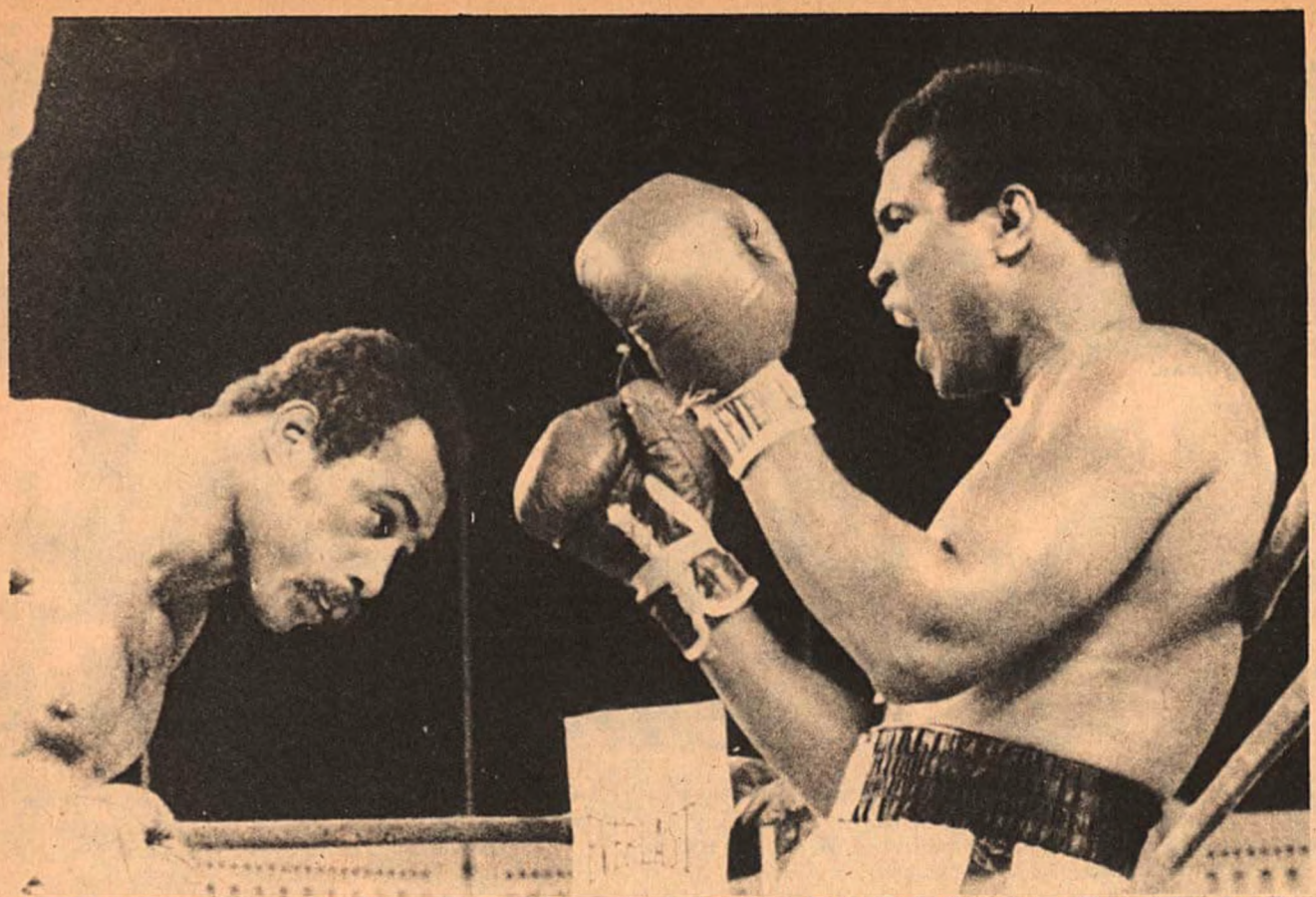
Before the fight started the off duty New York police were demonstrating and a group of teen-agers were cluttering the streets and attempting to push their way through the ticket gate to get a freebee, but few made the grade, and once inside the stadium this disturbance was forgotten.

The suspense and excitement that grips even the most seasoned of the working press took over, and we all awaited the entrance of Norton and the king, Ali.

Norton made the scene first wearing a blue velvet robe with a lion's head on the back. He shook off the sweat that he had worked up in his dressing room, and had to wait for some five minutes for Ali to make his appearance. Ali wore a long white robe with his name in blue letters across the back. Ali drifted over to where Norton was standing and made a disdainful face at him, to which Norton stared back as if bored.

The referee, Arthur Mercante, gave both fighters their instructions, and Ali made a show of going at Norton, but his challenger shook his head and went back to his corner to await the bell that would send him into action. He paid no attention to the Ali antics, and even when Ali took the part of a cheer leader attempting to get the fans started in his Ali chant, Norton stood impassive.

As round one began, Ali started to wind up with his right hand in a motion reminiscent of pitchers on the mound, and then moved quickly across the ring to drop a naked right hand lead to Norton's head. Ali stood flat-footed looking for an opening, and as he shuffled into Norton for the few times in the fight that he was the aggressor, he taunted the challenger by continual bad mouthing. Ali landed a left to Norton's head as the challenger missed a left and right swing. He seemed to be sizing up Ali to see if the champ had any surprises. As the night progressed it became evident that Ali had none. Ali managed to land two lefts and a left-right combination to his challenger's face, but none of the blows were more than



Norton shows determination and frustration as Ali momentarily lets down his block to throw some jibes at Ken, but the champ quickly covered up, hoping Norton would tire and become easier prey.

powder puff blows. The Ali flurry ended with the referee warning Ali for pushing.

Between the rounds both fighters were disdainful of sitting, and at the bell the pattern of the fight was to develop. Norton moved ever forward, probing for some way to move in close, to smash his way through Ali's defenses. As he did so, Ali counterpunched, using his left to hold off his challenger, who managed to land several hard rights to Ali's head, but they were too high to do any real damage. Ali moved into a shimmy wiggle to show that the blows were of no consequence. As the round came to a close, Ali was back pedalling, but halted and switched to the attack; however, he delivered too few blows to gain the round.

Ken Norton ducks to avoid a right tossed by Ali in the early rounds of the title fight.

At the buzzer for round three Ali was up and clowning, and at the bell he was met by a serious faced Norton who forced him to move backward, as he did for much of the fight. Ali had problems with Norton, who is a very awkward fighter and a hard man to hit solidly. It was during this round that Norton developed a slight puff under his right eye from an Ali left jab. The round was mainly a battle of left jabs with a good right by Norton to Ali's face making him look good.

In round four Norton appeared a little frustrated at his inability to break through the champ's defenses, and at one point said, "Come on and fight!"

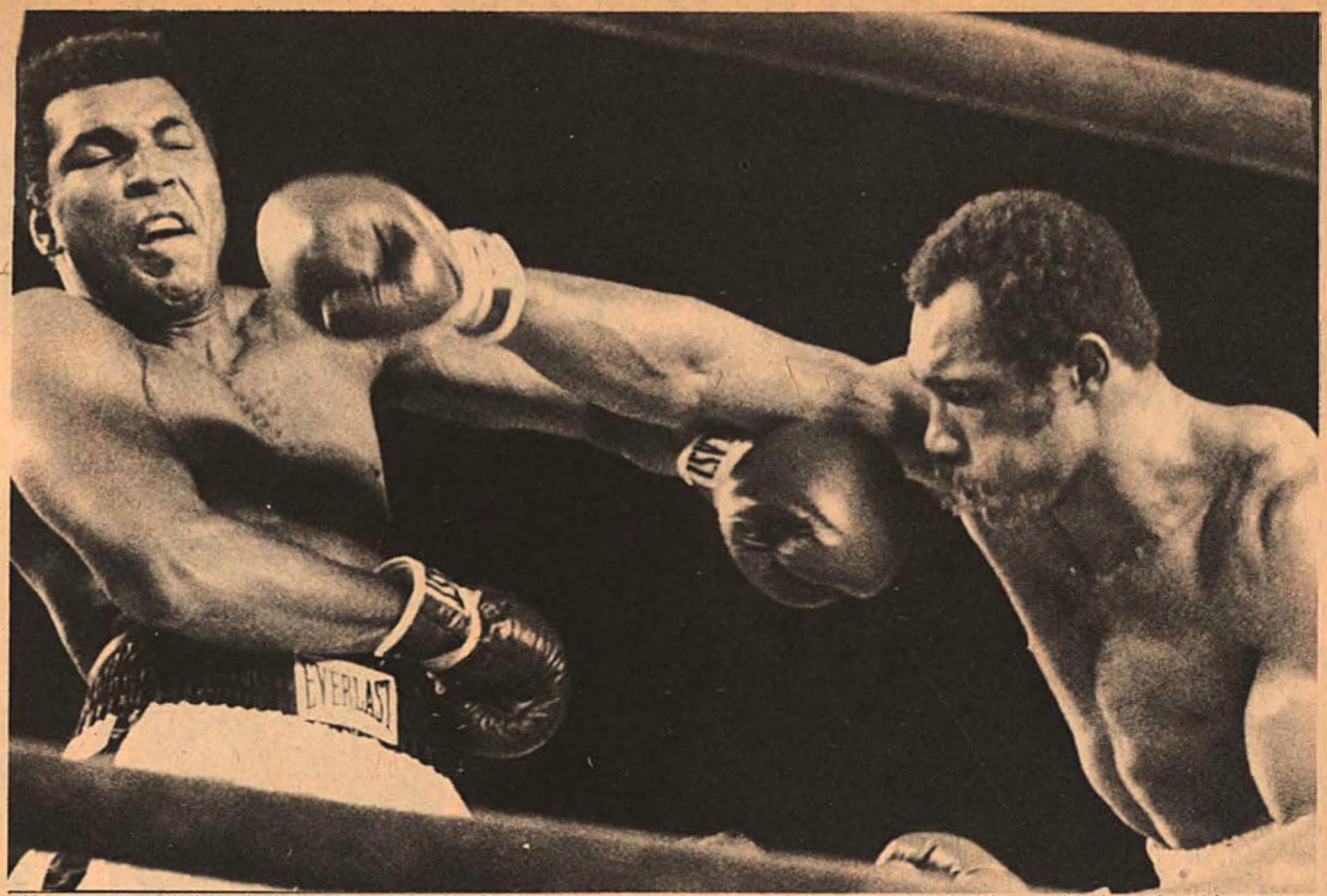
Round five opened up with Ali turning to the audience and winking as if to say "Watch me now." He had stated prior to the fight that he would knock out Norton in this round. The wink had its effect and the crowd became quiet. Had Ali been taking it easy, waiting to unload his big artillery to take Norton out in his round? It was the type of theatrics that Ali has brought to boxing.

Alack and alas, the hope that the big guns were about to be unleashed never materialized. It was Norton who came on strong, tossing both hands at Ali in reckless abandon, backing Ali into the ropes where he pulled his "Rope A Dope" and didn't attempt to fight back until the last 50 seconds of the round.

Just prior to round six, Herbert Muhammad, Ali's manager, raised his voice to urge Ali to get going, "to fight." It was these middle rounds that gave Norton his lead. They continued to the halfway mark of the fight. The crowd began a chant of "Ali, Ali, Ali" but Ali couldn't seem to get off, and Ali fans were impatient.

In round seven, Ali circled the ring, moving back before Norton's aggressiveness, but he landed several combinations to Norton's jaw that gained him an advantage in points, but made those at ringside realize that his punching was lacking the authority of some of his previous fights. As he said later in the dressing room, "It was in round seven that I first knew that it was probably going to be a long evening." He was right, it was!

It was evident that Norton was fighting a smart fight, but that if



Norton drives Ali back during the fight the California challenger had hoped would give him the world championship crown. The three Ali-Norton bouts have proven only that the two fighters have styles that are difficult for one another and the officials.

he couldn't land more of the blows that he was tossing, this evening was going to be a tough one as much for him as for Ali. Norton was fighting the only way possible to beat Ali, and that was to move ever forward, crowding Ali and not allowing the champ a chance to take charge and become the ring general. The chance to run a fight is what Ali likes best, and Norton is not psyched out by the Ali words or moves. Forcing Ali to fight for every minute nullifies much of Ali's ability to choose his spots and seek his opponent's openings.

As Ali grows older it is noticeable that his legs are no longer what they were, and that his once vaunted combinations are slower and not so sure to the mark. Norton has a style that is pure poison to Ali, and it doesn't make for a good fight.

For the first time in the contest Ali came up from a flat-footed stance to climb onto his toes and attempt to "float like a butterfly." The move did bother Norton momentarily, and he asked Ali to stop the nonsense and start fighting. But Ali just kept popping those left jabs, as poised as ever, confident that some place along the way he would nail the incoming Norton.

The bout never made it as a fight that will go down in boxing history as a great fight, or for that matter one that will be long remembered when the boxing buffs gather in later years. If it is to gain any immortality it will be for the fact that many of those who saw the fight "live" or on theater television were equally divided as to who won the bout.

The entire fight was much the same, Norton moving forward with Ali countering, with neither really hurting the other at any time. Neither was ever in any real danger of going to the canvas, and even those at ringside began to realize as the fight went into its late rounds that this was probably going to be decided on a decision.

The fight was a very close one, and in such contests a champion usually has a psychological edge when it comes to the decision. The last challenger to win the heavyweight title on a decision was

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In a heavyweight preliminary bout, Earnie Shavers is seen driving Henry Clark into the ropes in the second and final round. The fight was stopped to save Clark.

Womanly Art of Self Defense Goes Back to Bareknuckles Era

By SAM ANDRE

AFTER many years of clamoring for recognition, female boxers are now officially accepted members of the boxing fraternity. At least, in California.

That announcement probably stirred all of our revered deceased champions to turn over in their graves. For that matter the non-champs too.

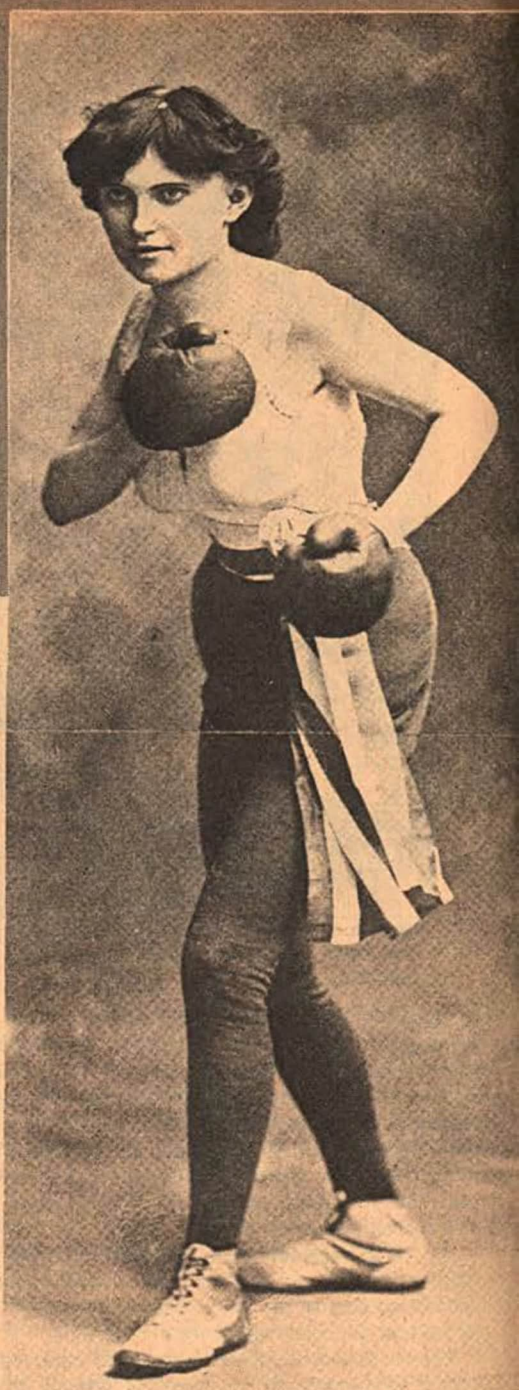
Last March 31, Mr. Robert L. Turley, executive officer of the California State Athletic Commission, sent a memorandum listing a dozen do's and don'ts to all promoters, matchmakers, club physicians and women boxing applicants, which follow.

1 — No applicant shall be contracted for or engage in a contest between a male and female.

2 — Contests will be limited to four rounds of two minutes duration.

3 — A custom-fitted mouthpiece must be used, of the same variety required of male participants.

4 — Ten-ounce gloves will be worn.



In 1896, the "Police Gazette" published this picture of Texas Mamie, from Philadelphia, who offered to box any and all 135 pound women who wished to face her.

These two women of the Gay 90's took up the gloves and learned what was then considered the Manly Art of Self Defense.

(Left) Jeanne La Mar, of France, invaded U.S. shores in 1922 looking for opponents, but failing to find any, returned home. (Above) Shortly after Jeanne left, Germany's champ, Steffi Bernet, fourth from left, arrived in the U.S. with a troup of women boxers. They, too, were unable to find American opponents and went back to Germany.

(Right) Claire Pinlozik was a fifteen year old High School student from Newark, New Jersey, when she beat two girls in the ring and then had to retire for lack of competition.

5 — Breast protector mandatory, to be used as binder.

6 — Hair to be secured in a manner that it will not interfere with the vision or safety of either contestant.

7 — Each contestant shall provide herself with two uniforms consisting of contrasting color, body shirt, blouse and shorts. No leotards or other costume is permissable.

8 — Contestants must sign, in addition to the contract, an addendum indicating that to the best of their knowledge they are not pregnant and that the contest will not take place during a menstrual period.

9 — Promoters will provide adequate separate dress room facilities.

10 — Minimum use of cosmetics.

11 — Physical examination annually must include pelvic examination. Prior to each contest, examining physician shall make abdominal examination and note any masses; a breast examination and note any masses.

12 — Only more experienced referees should be assigned to control the contest.

THE RING accepts the California edict.

The first challenge on record involving women boxers appeared on a London flyer, June 12, 1722, which read: "I, Elizabeth Wilkinson of Clerkenwell, having had some words with Hannah Hyfield and requiring satisfaction, do invite her to meet me upon the stage at Mr. James Figg's Amphitheatre and to box for three guineas ($15), each of us holding a crown (metal money) in each hand, the first to drop the crown to lose the battle." The fight was called off, however, when police threatened to throw both in jail.

Nothing more was heard from female pugs until August 19, 1793, when the following was published: "Two ladies, being stripped without caps and their hair closely tied up, battled for 45 minutes at Elmstead near Chelmsford, Essex. One 'lady' was beaten badly, but was urged on by her husband. Spectators stepped in and halted the fight."

On June 5, 1795, the British author of "Pancratia" recorded a contest between two "heroic females," Mary Ann Fielding, who was seconded by the celebrated John Jackson, and a noted Jewess, Zara, seconded by the champion, Mendoza. The battle, for two

Womens matches were attempted on the West Coast, but were abandoned after Ginger Rogers (not the actress), of Boston, knocked out Peggy Sloan, of Buffalo, in what was clearly a pre-planned fight (seen above).

Ex-champion Micky Walker trained women to box back in 1939, hoping to create an interest in female boxing. Selma Sidell is seen ducking a hard right thrown by Nicki Novell, reputedly the hardest puncher of the group.

guineas a side, took place in a field near New Road at Whitchapel, and lasted one hour twenty minutes.

"Fielding fought with great coolness and singularity of temper," wrote the author, "and by well directed hits knocked down her adversary upwards of 70 times." Miss Fielding, needless to say, was declared winner.

Eighty eight years later, a notice appeared in the "Police Gazette" that Jack Turner and his wife, Mme D'Omer, had performed a boxing exhibition before a large audience on April 4, in Wagner's hall at Rochester, New York.

Then, in 1896, the "Gazette" published a full page photo of Texas Mamie, a pretty young miss from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who offered to box any women 135-pounders for championship honors.

In 1912, a lengthy story of a battle between two women, which was published in newspapers around the country, first appeared in the "New York World" on April 12. The bout, fought with eight-ounce gloves, took place in a private gym at Flint, Michigan, where Myrtle Havers, 19, of Flint, knocked out Mable Williams, 22, of Grand Rapids, in the seventh round of a 10-rounder and won the "Girls Championship of Michigan."

The fight ended when Miss Williams, known as the best boxer in Michigan, "was tagged with a stiff uppercut and knocked into dreamland."

The gals were members of the "Busters Club," an organization of stenographers, bookkeepers, clerks, and sales girls with athletic ability. An aunt of one of the members set up the gym in her home located on fashionable East Beardsley Street, when the girls' desire to box was denied them by the YWCA of Flint.

Bell Martell, a California boxing promoter, watches Mary Sparks bounce a left off the chin of Betty Hoke. Belle took the two acrobatic dancers under her wing to teach them how to box.

"I don't think any girl in Michigan can beat me." said Miss Havers, "There is talk of a girl from Ohio who is anxious to meet

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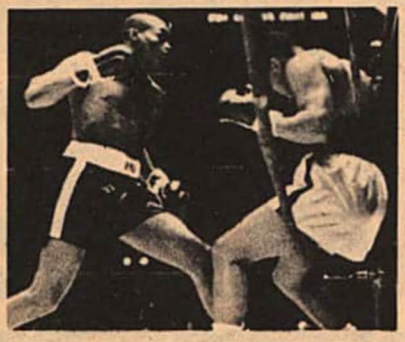

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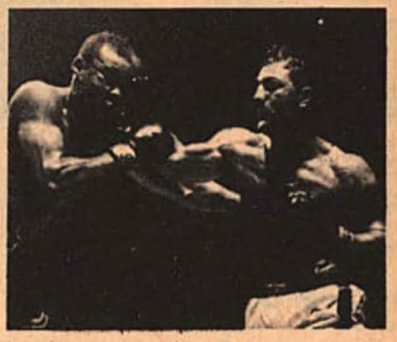

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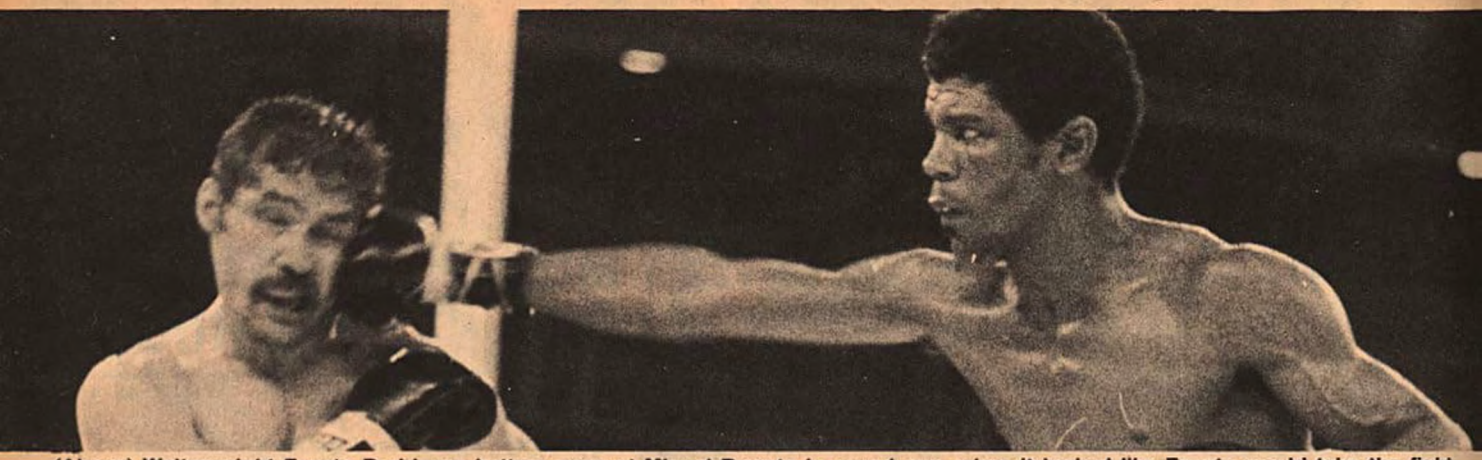
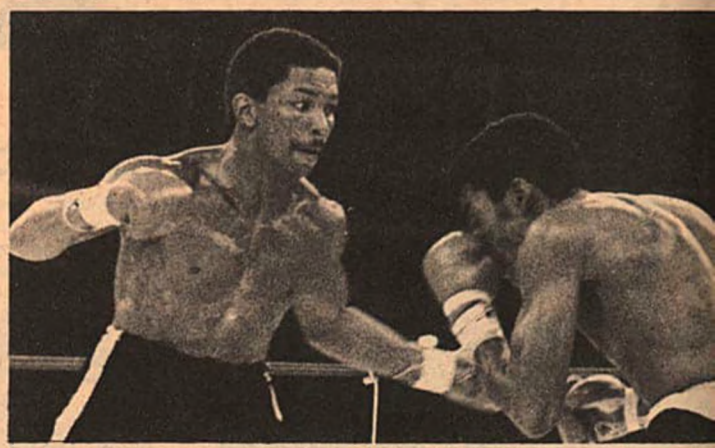


(Above) Welterweight Fausto Rodriguez batters away at Miguel Barreto in round one, when it looked like Fausto would take the fight. Barreto recouped to win a split decision. (Below) WBA lightweight king Esteban de Jesus delivers the knockout punch, a left uppercut, to the jaw of Hector Medina, in round seven of the San Juan bout.

MEDINA SUFFERS 1ST LOSS AT HANDS OF DEJESUS

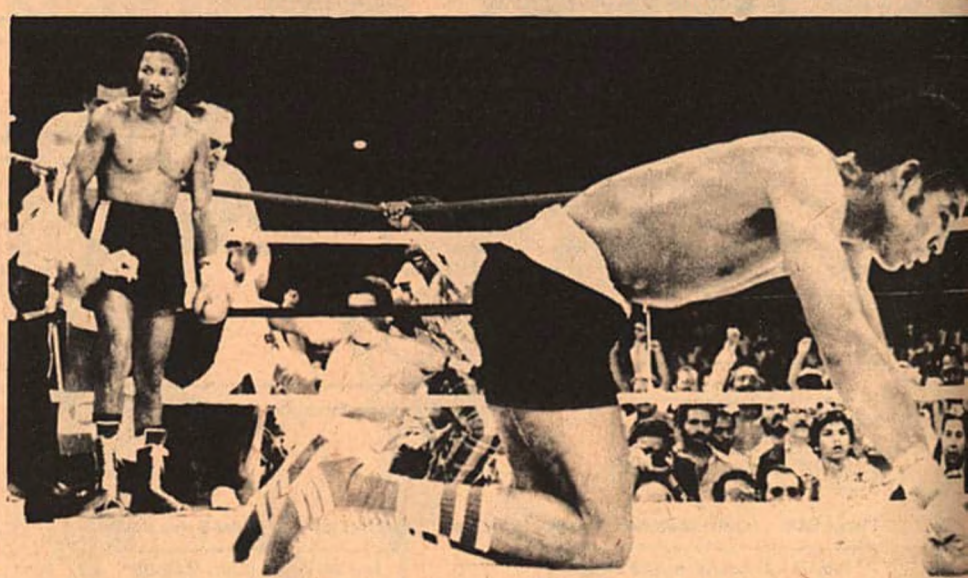


By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

JUAN Ramon Loubriel Stadium, Bayamon, Puerto Rico — With unaccustomed fury W.B.A. lightweight titleholder Esteban de Jesus unleashed a steady barrage against his rival from the neighboring island of Santo Domingo, Hector Julio Medina. When it was over, Hector suffered the first defeat of his career by virtue of a seventh round knockout. This was De Jesus' first title defense following his championship bout with Ishimatsu-Suzuki of Japan.

Normally a cool-headed, methodical fighter, who has been catalogued as lacking a killer instinct, De Jesus threw caution to the wind from the sound of the opening gong. He went after his reputed hard punching opponent with gusto and with an apparent intent to not give him much room to put into action his battle plan. The Medina strategists had felt that their boy would use his greater height and reach to advantage. The idea was to jab and stay out of range, so that the champion would tire down the stretch. But something went wrong. Either the signals got crossed up or Medina depended too strongly on his punching prowess.

The De Jesus camp had their own version. Trainer Victor Valle stated after the fight, "We wanted to put the pressure on this guy from the beginning, because we knew that despite his undefeated record he had never faced the calibre of opponents Esteban had been up against."



De Jesus, of Puerto Rico, waits in his corner as challenger Hector Medina, of the Dominican Republic, fails to get up for the count at 1:45 of round seven.

Both boys went head hunting from the start with De Jesus proving to be quite effective with his left hooks that shook Medina on occasions. But it was not until the closing seconds of the sixth round that a left hook to the kidneys took all the fight out of the loser.

Sensing the end was near, De Jesus came out in the seventh with an all out attack that had Medina on queer street at the end of the first minute of action. Referee Rudy Ortega

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Zarate Defends WBC Bantam Title with KO over Ferreri

By DON FRASER

INGLEWOOD — It was the longest fight ever for World Boxing Council bantamweight king Carlos Zarate.

He had to labor 12 rounds before disposing of rugged and game Paul Ferreri, of Australia, before 10,228 fans who paid $135,000 at the Forum.

In a perfect 41 bout career, the heavy punching Mexican had stopped all but one rival—and that was a 10-rounder.

There was never any doubt who was the better man but the Italy born Aussie was stubborn and refused to go down.

When referee Dick Steele halted the match, it was because of a bad cut over Ferreri's left eye—plus he was taking an assortment of solid blows.

"Zarate was landing all the good punches and the blood from the eye wound just wouldn't stop," said Steele.

It was far from the best performance for the lean, steady champion, but credit must be given to Ferreri, who is tough and can take a heck of a punch.

At the finish, the scoring was like this: Steele, 110-100; judge George Latka, 110-101; judge Marty Denkin, 110-100.

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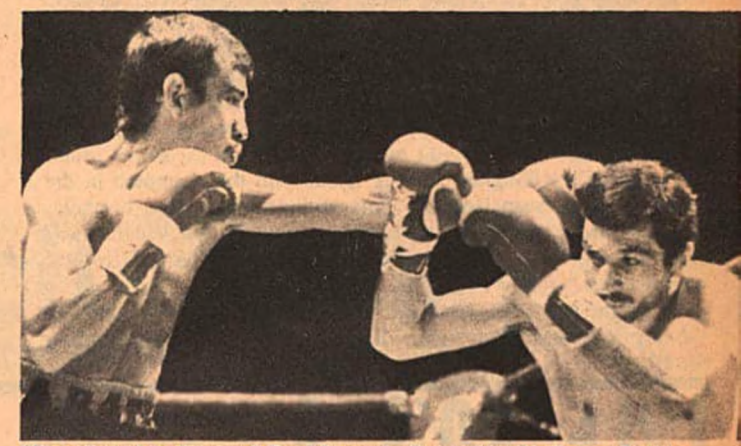
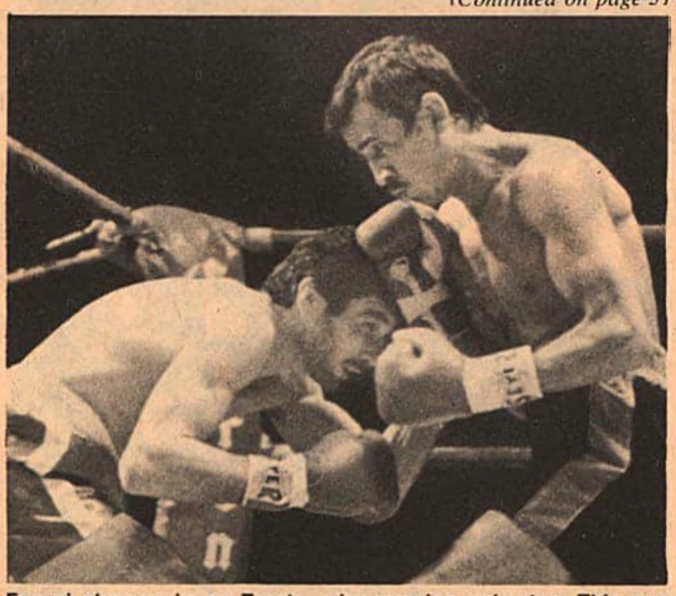
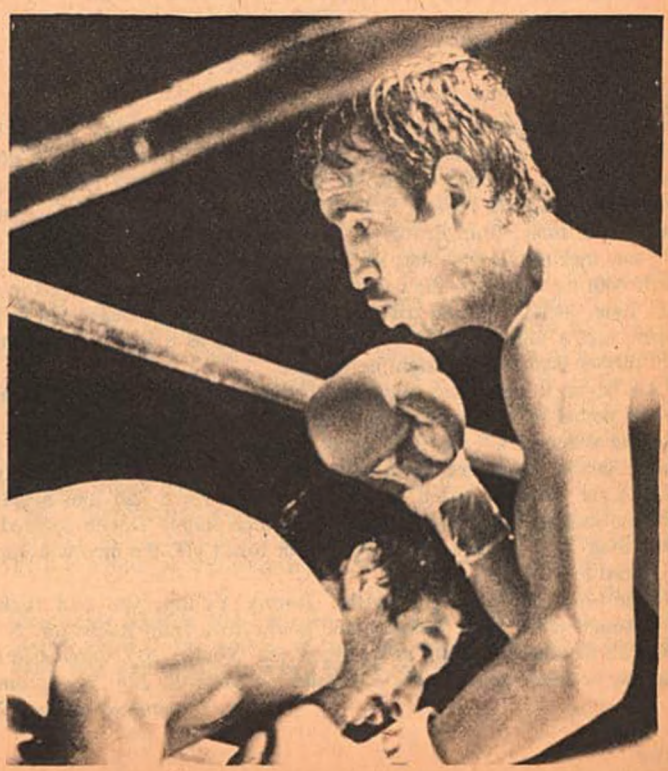


(Top photo) A dejected Paul Ferreri after losing to Carlos Zarate via a twelth round KO. (Above) Zarate, of Mexico, throws a long left that barely connects with the head of Paul Ferreri, of Australia, during their Los Angeles title fight. (Below) Ferreri, trapped in a corner, bend low to avoid the punches of Zarate.



Ferreri charges in on Zarate, who remains unbeaten. This was the first bout in which Zarate had ever had to go more than ten rounds to polish off his opponent.



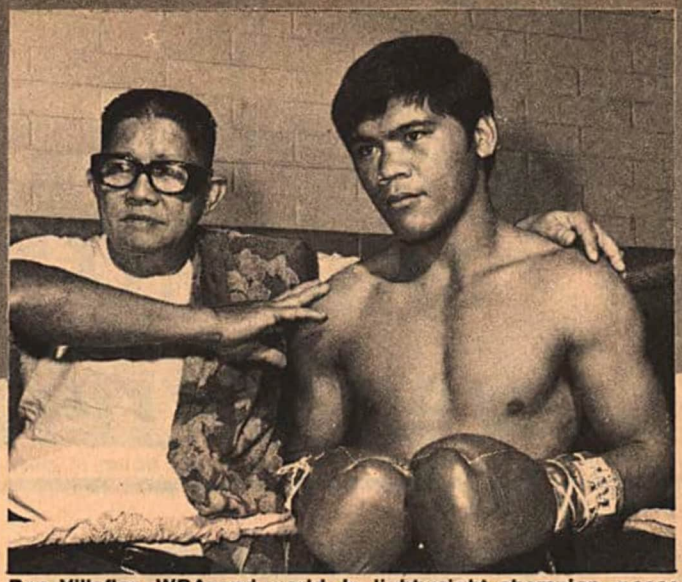
Villaflor Rusty in Non-Title Fight

By TED YAMACHIKA

Ben Villaflor, 134, WBA junior lightweight champ, pounded out a unanimous ten round decision over unknown Rogelio Castaneda, 133½, Mexico, at the Blaisdell Memorial Center. Showing the rust of several months inactivity, he appeared unsure of himself and lacked crispness in his punching. There was no question that he won the fight, but it wasn't by too much. Villaflor's performance was way below par, to say the least. In his next fight he'll defend his title against Sam Serrano. Will he be ready?

Castaneda's willingness to slug it out with the champion in the earlier rounds surprised the fans and probably Ben himself. However, the Mexican toughie proved hard to hit and Villaflor was unable to land solidly, although it looked like he had several opportunities.

The fight was a Herbert Minn promotion and drew 4,728 fans, the largest gathering this year. Minn has realistically reduced prices for all his fights, and he could be on the right track.



Ben Villaflor, WBA and world Jr. lightweight champion, poses with manager Antonio Fojas before his fight with Rogelio Castaneda, of Mexico, which ended in a ten round decision in Ben's favor.

Mario Mendez, 134¼, Mexico, decisioned Chung Moon Chin, 136¾, Korea, in 10.

Virgilio Amano, 125, Philippines, beat Frank Cabanig, 122½, Philippines, in 4.

Virgilio Legaspi, 127¾, Philippines, decisioned Kid Pabanlag, 128, Philippines, 4.

Stanley Gonsalves, 149, Honolulu, knocked out Edward Ki,

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LYLE KO'S A TOUGH ISAAC IN 7

By JIM LEO

Another fine boxing show was brought into Utica by Don King Productions with the local promoters the Main Event Boxing Corp., Johnny Abdou and Sal Spina. It was the 5th ranked heavyweight contender getting top billing, Ron Lyle. Lyle, out of Denver, Colorado, faced Kevin Issac, from Brooklyn, in one of three ten rounders. Lyle, at 211, was making his first start since his war with Foreman in January, in which both men were on the canvas twice before Lyle was stopped in the fifth. Lyle, looking fit and trim, with new trainer Sam Boardman in his corner, met a tough one in Issac, now 10-4-1, as a professional. Issac went further than many thought he would.

Lyle began to get to his opponent in the sixth round when he trapped the 205 pound Brooklyn battler and rained many blows on him.

In the seventh, a Lyle right cross, which followed an uppercut, put Issac down in the neutral corner. Issac made it up only to be met by a strong Lyle uppercut which set him down again and had him bleeding from the mouth. On rising unsteadily, Referee Jimmy Devlin decided to halt it after 1:14 of the seventh round. For Ron Lyle, the nice win upped his record to 31-4-1.

In another heavyweight battle, Jimmy Young, the 2nd ranked heavyweight faced Mike Boswell, the journeyman from Rochester, N.Y. It was all the classy Young, as was expected. Young, 205, dominated the action as he continuously put the pressure on Boswell, 204. Young threw

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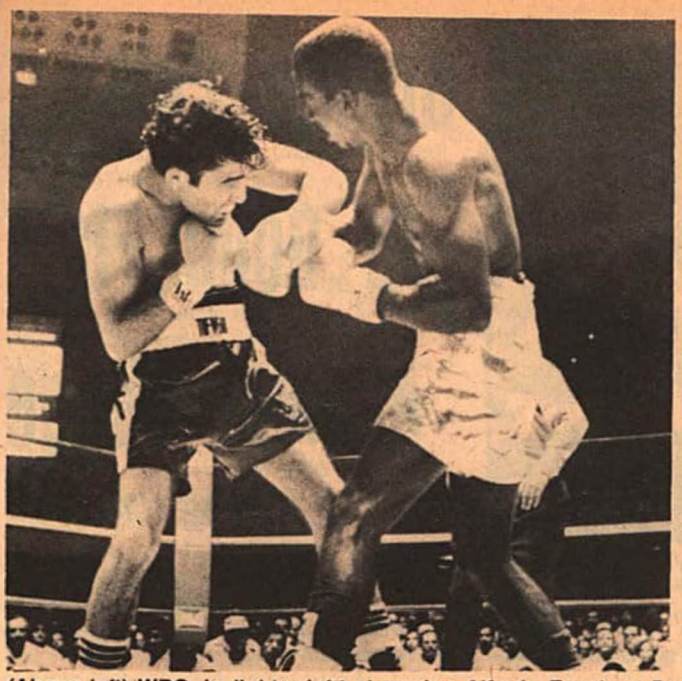
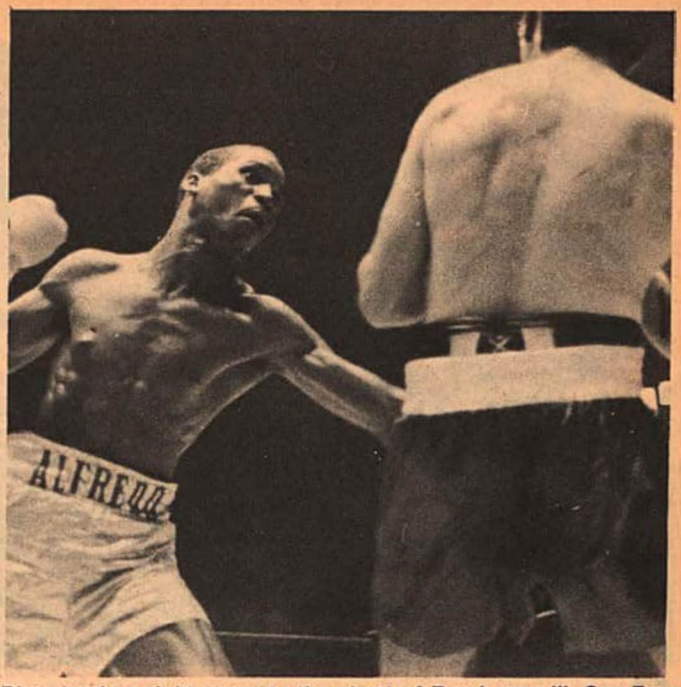
Heavyweights Ron Lyle, Denver, and Kevin Isaac, Brooklyn, N.Y., battled for seven rounds, with both men having been on the deck, before the referee stopped the fight at 1:14 of the seventh round to save Isaac.





(Above left) WBC Jr. lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico, lands a right cross to the chest of Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, in the sixth round of their San Juan title bout. (Above right) Escalera winds up to throw a right to Lunny's jaw. The fight was stopped at the end of round twelve to give Escalera the victory.

Escalera Halts Lunny

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Roberto Clemente Stadium — San Juan, P.R.

With an indication to referee Waldemar Schmidt that his son had had it, Ray Lunny, Sr., called for a halt at the end of the twelfth session and Alfredo Escalera retained his junior lightweight title. Waldemar awaited the sound of the bell to declare the thirteenth as the winning round. Then the father went over to his son, still sitting on his corner stool, and placed a gentle kiss on his cheek as if to say, "You have done as well as can be expected, but there is no sense in going on."

Up to the end of the bout, Ray Lunny had made a creditable showing. He had not taken the lead in any round, but he had stood up admirably well against the heavy two fisted attack of the champion. His battle plan was to stay in close and avoid the long sweeping blows of his opponent. Escalera managed to score with power and precision.

After a first round of no advantage for either fighter, Escalera took the next three by close margins. These were, however, Lunny's best rounds as he managed to score good blows in close.

The tide of the battle took a definitive turn in the fifth, when Lunny gave Escalera enough distance to score punishing blows to the body and head. It was a bad round for Lunny, who was given a breather by Referee Waldemar Schmidt while a cut eye was carefully examined and cleaned by the Commission doctor Amaury Capella as well as by his cornermen.

From here on, Lunny appeared to be greatly weakened by the champion's effective body attack.

In the eleventh the Californian was again severely pummelled, but recouped in the twelfth to score effectively in the first minute of action. This was his swan song, as he closed poorly enough to have his corner call a halt during the minutes rest.

"There was no sense in letting it go on even though Ray wanted to continue. His eye was cut, and I didn't see any logic in letting him get damaged further," stated the challenger's dad.

Roundly criticized for taking Lunny to his corner in the fifth for a cut eye inspection when he appeared on the verge of going, Referee Waldemar Schmidt had this to say: "The new WBC rules clearly state that when a fighter is cut you take him to his corner first, and if they feel the fight should be stopped, you go by their say so." When the cornermen gave Schmidt the green light to let it go on after cleaning the wound, he then went to Dr. Capella for a final say so. Here again he was told to let it go on. "This was all in accordance with the rules, which didn't go too well with the fans," summarized the referee. The RING correspondent feels that although the referee acted accordingly, that this ruling does tend to give a fighter on the receiving end more time to recuperate than a

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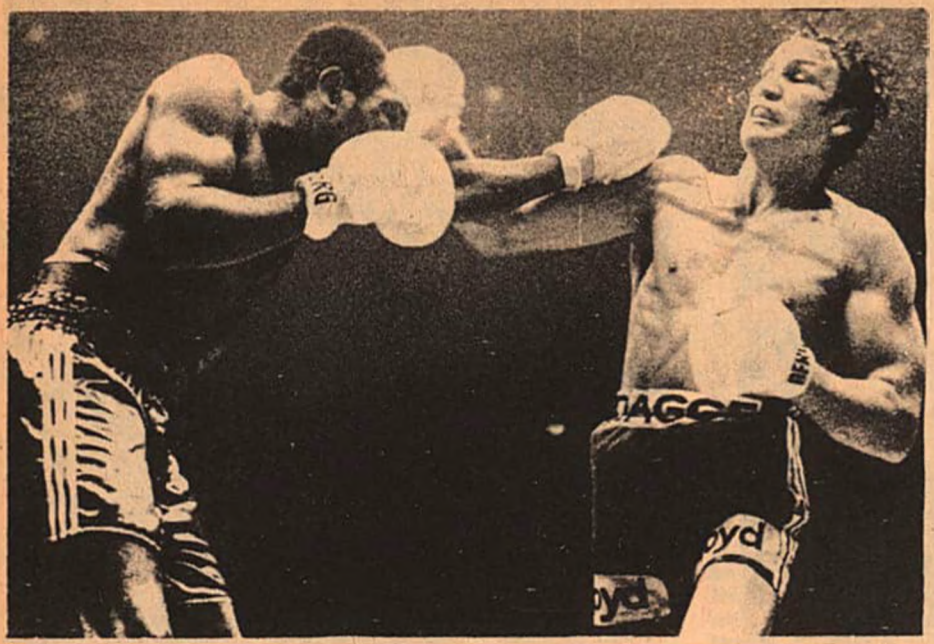
Southpaw Santos Solis throws a right at California Jr. welter Jimmy Heair in the course of their ten round fight. Heair looked slow, and was unable to win a single round.



Griffith Puts Up Good Fight Against Dagge

By J. A. TREE

WBC Jr. middleweight king, Eckhard Dagge, Berlin, left, and Emile Griffith, U.S.A., exchange punches during their Berlin title fight. Dagge won on points over fifteen rounds.

BERLIN — WBC junior middleweight champion, Eckhard Dagge, Germany, made a successful defense of his crown outscoring veteran American Emile Griffith over fifteen rounds before a crowd of eight thousand at the Deutschlandhalle in Berlin. The fight scene has now centered itself in Berlin again, where twelve of the past twenty-eight promotions have been staged. Already this year the Deutschlandhalle has been the scene of one European and two world title battles.

The Berlin boxing public is probably the fairest anywhere in the world, although perhaps Eckhard Dagge will not agree. No matter what he does or how good his performances are, he receives little praise or credit and gets more than his fair share of criticism. Emile Griffith clearly had the sympathy of the Berliners. His performance at 38, ten years younger than the WBC champion, Dagge, was a masterpiece. He was having his 106th battle compared with Dagge who came out for his 23rd. He was having his 22nd world championship contest and had been crowned world champion on five occasions. He had been boxing for eighteen years, Dagge for only three and a half, and had already had 91 fights when the German made his professional debut on March 2, 1973. The American was boxing as a professional when Dagge was going to school. Emile Griffith has been a great fighter, and although he is not the guy he was, he can still cause his juniors, as we

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LAMPKIN COPS NOD OVER BYRD

By JOHN NOLAN

PORTLAND, OREGON — Local Ray Lampkin, 138½, moved up into the world junior welterweight ratings with his ten round unanimous decision over Brooks Byrd, 138½, of Clovis, New Mexico.

Lampkin now will box as a junior welterweight, hoping for a shot at the U.S. title in the championship tournament early in 1976. He was rated No. 4 in the world lightweight ranks and is now No. 3 in the junior welter division. Ray stated, "I know I can beat Wilfredo Benitez or the winner of the Miguel Velazquez-Shengsak Muangsurin bout. Velazquez was going to box me over the weight, but got cold feet at the last moment." Ray's manager, Mike Morton, says, "Ray is still ranked No. 7 in the lightweight division by the W.B.A. and can still make 135. If a chance comes our way to box either Duran or DeJesus we will. I feel that Ray is a much stronger boxer at 139, and hope that we can win the U.S. junior welter title next year."

The fight itself was all Lampkin's for the first seven rounds. Byrd came out on the run and Ray chased him, landing some left jabs and hooks to the body and head. It was a slow and dull contest. Lampkin was boxing with a badly cut finger which didn't allow him to box more than 12 rounds for this bout.

Jr. welter Ray Lampkin with manager Mike Morton.

In the seventh round, Lampkin opened a cut over the left eye of Byrd.

The ninth and tenth rounds were Byrd's best. He hurt Ray at the end of the ninth with a right to the jaw. In the tenth he came out for the kill, hoping to pull the bout out with a kayo over a tired Lampkin. The Portland tiger was just too smart for Byrd, and hung on for the duke.

The scoring, as follows: judge Phil Moyer 98-93, judge Jim Cassidy 99-97 and referee Robert Lorey 98-96, all for Lampkin.

Former amateur great Tom "The Irish Bomber" Sullivan made his pro debut with a second round kayo over Paul Guynie, Eugene, Oregon. The referee counted Paul out at 2:10 after he was tagged with a short left hook and a hard right to the jaw. They are light heavyweights.

Lightweight Curtis Ramsey made it two for two with a six round decision over Danny Alameda, Montebello, California.

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COLBERT ENDS LICATA'S NEW ORLEANS WINNING STREAK

By JOHN ORT

NEW Orleans — Mike Colbert, Portland, Oregon, 159¼, put the end to a forty fight winning streak in New Orleans of local hero Tony Licata, 162.

A crowd over 4,000 paid $16,000 to see one of the better matches of the year between the No. 1 middleweight in the world, Tony Licata, and the number three man, Mike "The Cobra" Colbert. Licata, with a career record of 53-3-3, was a 8-5 pick over the little known Oregon Battler, who had a mark of 14-0.

This was Licata's fourth fight of the year. He had lost to Jean Mateo, in Paris, and had won his last three, all in New Orleans, against Jose Luis Duran, Mike Rossman and Mobile Gene Wells. Tony boxed Carlos Monzon for his world middleweight title on June 30, 1975 in Madison Square Garden. Tony was doing well until Monzon nailed him for the count in the tenth round.

Colbert, on the other hand, has been boxing as a pro for only 2½ years. This year he defeated Casey Gacic, Rudy Cruz and Vicente Medina. He also holds wins over Danny Brewer and Karl Vinson. He boxed in over 200 amateur bouts losing only 3 times. He is 26 years old and goes to Portland State University where has a perfect 4.0 average. He is managed by Mike "Motor Mouth" Morton, who also handles U.S. lightweight king Ray Lampkin.

Licata is managed by Lou Viscusi, who had managed ex-featherweight champ Willie Pep and ex-light heavyweight king Bob Foster.

The bout started out with Licata moving forward looking to land a hard right to the head of the Portland boxer. Colbert moved from side to side tagging Tony with good left hooks to the head and rights to the body.

Round two to round six the contest was all Colbert's. He landed left hooks and double and sometimes triple shots to the face on the on-coming Licata. He sidestepped Tony and suckered him into following him and then turned land a right to the jaw in the sixth round which hurt the New Orleans boxer. Tony could not seem to figure out the boxing style of Colbert. Licata was beaten to the punch every time, and when he did trap the Oregon boxer on the ropes he either missed or was tied up without landing a blow. Tony got so mad in the fifth round after Colbert made him look so bad, that he threw Mike across the ring into the ropes.

Things looked better for Tony in the seventh. Colbert started to slow down. He had been ill for two days before the bout and was now being to feel weak. Licata did land a few blows to the body and gained the edge in the round.

The eighth round found Colbert running circles around Tony, keeping out of the range of Tony's blows. Again this was a Licata round.

The ninth was Tony's biggest round. He

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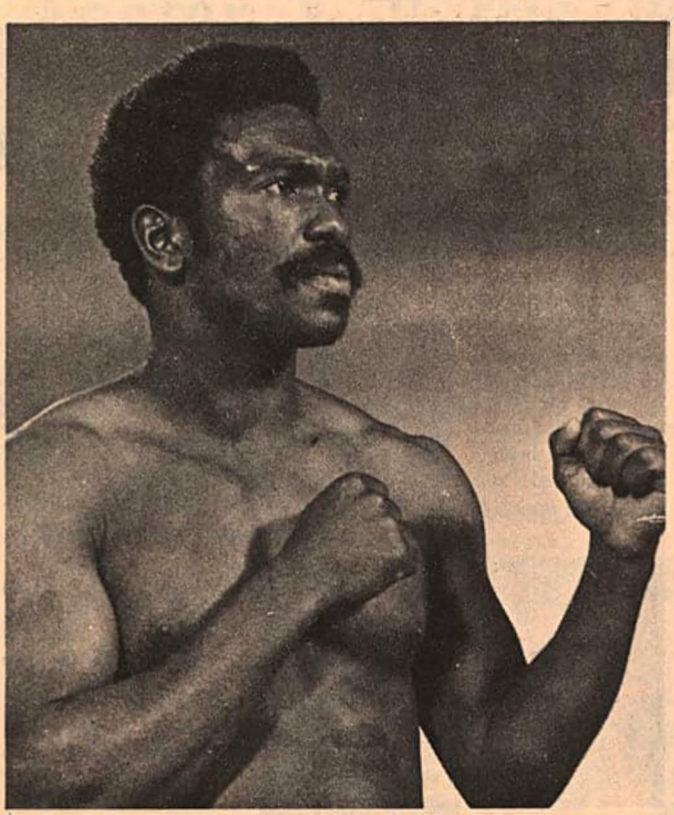

Portland, Oregon, middleweight Mike Colbert.

New Orleans middleweight Tony Licata.

LOVE ICES MONROE; BRISCOE, VILLANUEVA

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia middleweight Bennie Briscoe, right, attacks Mexico's Emeterio Villanueva en route to a fifth round KO win in Philadelphia. A bloody Villanueva was decked twice before the fight was stopped.

Philadelphia, Pa. — The Spectrum presented a gala card consisting of four scheduled ten rounders. The crowd of 7,147 saw their local heros meet with mixed results in the best overall show this reporter has had the pleasure of covering.

Long time local favorite Bennie Briscoe faced his first southpaw in a 74 fight career, and was at his brutal best in this middleweight bout. He threw a ton of right hands at the brave Mexican, Emeterio Villanueva, and even shifted to a southpaw stance himself when the occasion warranted it.

Villanueva, 159, was down twice after fielding rights to the jaw. The first dumping came in the third, and the second, in the fourth and final round.

Bad Bennie cut Emeterio over both eyes and bloodied his nose during the fierce exchanges. It was these cuts that prompted the commission doctor to wisely call a halt to proceedings at the end of the fourth frame.

The gallant loser landed plenty of punches himself, but they did nowhere near the damage of Briscoe's booming shots.

Briscoe, hot on the trail of a third title chance at age 33, is now 55-14-5 with 46 KO's. Villanueva slipped a bit to 13-2-1 with 12 knockouts.

San Diego's David Love, known more for his boxing ability than his power, scored a tremendous upset in stopping Philadelphia's Willie "The Worm" Monroe. It was the biggest win of his up and down career that has seen him halted six times.

Monroe, 160, started well in the first round, as he scored often with his sharp left jab. It looked like another easy win for the "Worm."

Love, also 160, landed a stunning right cross in the second, and all of a sudden it

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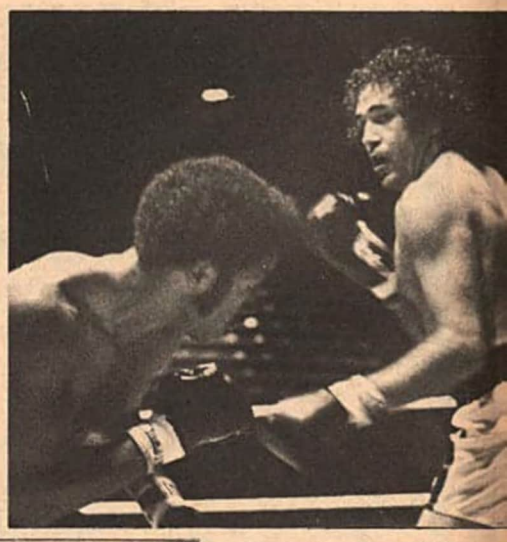
Hutchins Stings Foley in 3

By MIKE LEONARD



Len "Stinger" Hutchins refuses to allow misfortune to hamper his drive toward the world light heavyweight championship. After defeating Kosie Smith from South Africa in a ferocious battle, the Stinger was forced from training with a broken toe. Upon returning to training, however, fate played her evil role, and Len was again sidelined with an accident which required approximately thirty stitches in his hip area. . . .Yet Hutchins healed well and worked his strength and speed back to championship form. At Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Len Hutchins KO'd Macka Foley in the third round of a scheduled 10 round main event.

For the second time in his career, the 175 pound Hutchins met the challenge of a heavier foe, as Macka Foley, a rugged Irishman, weighed in at 196 pounds. From the opening bell Hutchins commanded both his foe's respect, as well as the crowd's attention, with his outstanding speed, power, and ring expertise. And Hutchins, an expert in ring strategy, set Foley up in the third round with a counter punch left hook which shook his taller opponent. Seconds later Hutchins stood victorious after delivering a devastating combination of hooks and right crosses.

Hutchins comes from manager-trainer Henry "Hank" Grooms' Professional Management Enterprises stable, and has proved worthy of not only his No. 2 world rating, but also another chance at the world lightheavy title. As evidenced by his hurried knockout over Macka Foley, Len "Stinger" Hutchins is sharp, well-conditioned, and

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(Above) Len "Stinger" Hutchins prepares to deliver a solid right to the chin of Macka Foley in the third and final round of their Kalamazoo, Michigan bout. (Left) the Detroit's light heavyweight, Hutchins, talks to the press after his KO over the Portland, Maine, based Foley.

Clyde Gray Dull, Elliott Flashy

By FRED BISHOP

Halifax, N.S. — Clyde Gray, 149, Windsor, Nova Scotia, Commonwealth and Canadian welterweight champion, won a unanimous ten round decision over veteran Angel Robinson Garcia, 148, New York. The fight from the crowd's standpoint was a poor one as Garcia, cool and deliberate, showed his experience of over 200 matches as he kept the younger Gray off balance, but the visitor was not a hitter, and Gray forced the action in all rounds. Gray's sharp punching had Garcia's mouth bleeding from the third round to the finish.

George Chuvalo congratulates Clyde Gray, after his unanimous ten round nod over Angel Robinson Garcia, New York.

In another of three co-features, Christie Elliott, 168, Clifton, New Jersey, upset veteran Gary Broughton, 162, Brantford, Ontario, by a split decision in a slam-bang affair that had the fans in an uproar from bell to bell. It was a good win for the hard fighting Irishman who will be welcomed back any time.

In the third ten, and the best go of the evening, Joey Grier, 134, Patterson, New Jersey, just barely squeaked by Barry Sponagle, 135, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, the Canadian lightweight champion, by a split decision. It could have been called a draw, and I believe all would have been happy. Sponagle started slow, was floored for an eight count in the second, and was well behind after five, but came charging back in the last five to make it very close (the RING card had Grier ahead by a single point).

Fighting Irishman Christy Elliott, of Clifton, New Jersey, was a popular winner over Gary Broughton, of Ontario, in their Nova Scotia bout.

In an eight round preliminary, Daminao Pellegino, 170, Toronto, and a big favorite in Halifax, had his fight cancelled when

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Foster & Harris Win Comeback Bouts

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Missoula, Montana — Harold Carter boxed Bob Foster in an over the weight bout. Carter, at 190, put up a very spirited exhibition against Foster, 186, and made a close fight of it. Foster won the nod with his good left jab; however, he was unable to put over his potent right hand. Carter scored well with a left hook, which closed Foster's right eye and kept him off balance for most of the fight. A rematch is scheduled for Spokane in the near future.

The show was promoted by Elmer Boyce at the Eagles Lodge. In other action, Marv Camel, 176, outpointed tough, hard punching John Townsend, 176, Milwaukee, in ten. Karl Vinson, 163, Sacramento, was lucky to gain a split ten round decision over Johnny Wise, 161, New Mexico, in ten rounds. Wise is a cutie and made Vinson look bad with his superior boxing ability.

Ken Camel, 163, looked very good in scoring a K.O. over veteran Dick Fowler, 156, New Mexico, in the second round.

Professional boxing came back very strong at Canton when Aaron Mayo made his debut as a promoter. 2,200 fans paid to see a good action card at the Memorial Auditorium.

In a fight which was made six years late, Ronnie Harris, 158, Canton, easily outpointed veteran Marion Conner, 160, for ten rounds and was given a t.k.o. win at the end of the tenth when Referee Jim Brown decided that Conner was in no condition to continue. The bout was scheduled for twelve rounds, and was billed for the Ohio middleweight title. Harris used the game Conner as a punching bag, but was unable to put the old timer off his feet. The fans gave Conner a big ovation for his great show of heart.

The eight round semi-final stole the show as Gary Alexander,

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Bob Foster, ex-light heavyweight champ, won a spirited over the weight bout against Harold Carter in Missoula, Montana. A rematch is scheduled.

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Saoul Mamby, New York's Top Jr. Welter

By JOHN ORT

Saoul Mamby was born on June 4, 1947, in New York City. This makes Mr. Mamby a New Yorker, and not a Jamaican, or a Puerto Rican as have confusingly appeared in some rankings.

Saoul attended school in the Bronx. He lived with mother Victoria, father Bobby, brother Bobby, Jr., and two sisters Tina and Lorraine. His father was born in the United States, New York City, while his mother comes from Spain.

In high school Mamby was on the swimming team and played basketball and baseball. He also has a talent in the field of art. His drawings are well known in his local area. He is a follower of jazz and popular music.

Mamby was turned on to boxing by a friend named Frank Rodriguez. Frank signed Saoul up for the 1965 Golden Gloves when he was 17. Mamby went down to the local P.A.L. to learn how to become a boxer. He didn't know that the Golden Gloves was a tournament, he just wanted to learn to box. A local coach told him to forget about the tournament, that with no training he would get killed, but this didn't stop him. He entered and won his first two bouts before being defeated in the sub-novice featherweight division.

He again entered the Gloves in 1967. This time he reached the semi-finals in the open lightweight division. He lost to Bobby Melendez via decision.

In 1967 Mamby worked the whole year. He didn't once put on a glove.

Uncle Sam took care of him for the next two years, and he was sent to Vietnam for one year. He didn't box in the service and got out with a rank of SPC 5 in 1969.

Saoul spent 1969 soaking up the sun in Kingston, Jamaica. He lived with his father's

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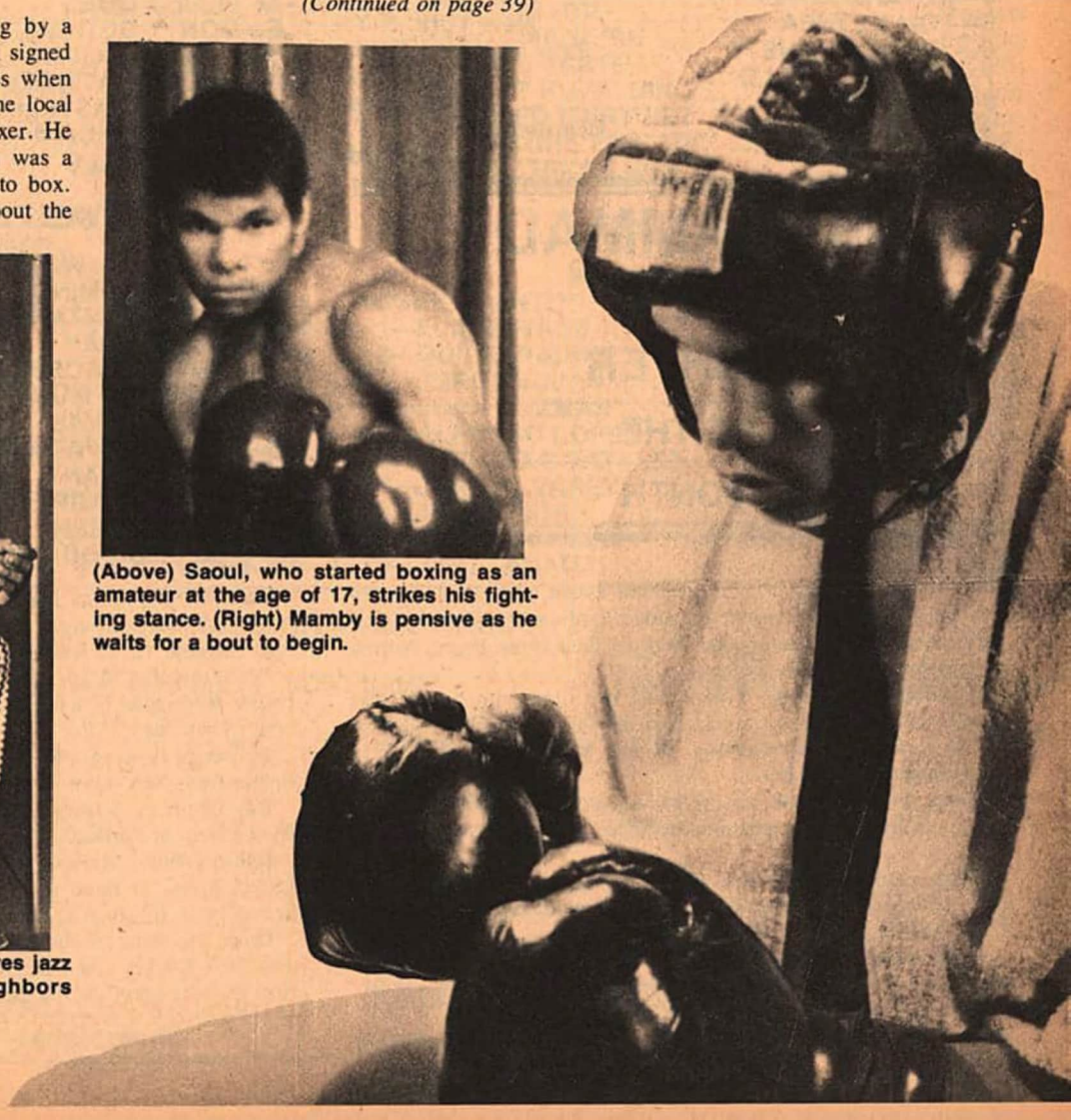
New York born Saoul Mamby stops to read his favorite magazine, THE RING.

(Above) Saoul, who started boxing as an amateur at the age of 17, strikes his fighting stance. (Right) Mamby is pensive as he waits for a bout to begin.

Mamby is a snappy dresser who loves jazz and popular music. Saoul's neighbors know him for his drawings.



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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI .....Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN .....Houston, Texas
2—KEN NORTON .....San Diego, Calif.
3—JIMMY YOUNG .....Philadelphia, Pa.
4—DUANE BOBICK .....Bowlus, Minn.
5—RON LYLE .....Denver, Colo.
6—LARRY HOLMES .....Easton, Pa.
7—HOWARD SMITH .....Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX .....Houston, Texas
9—CHUCK WEPNER .....Bayonne, N.J.
10—STAN WARD .....Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* .....Argentina
2—LEN HUTCHINS .....Detroit, Mich.
3—RICHIE KATES .....Philadelphia, Pa.
4—ALVARO LOPEZ .....Stockton, Calif.
5—TOM BETHEA .....New York, N.Y.
6—JESSIE BURNETT .....Los Angeles, Calif.
7—MIGUEL CUELLO .....Argentina
8—MATE PARLOV .....Yugoslavia
9—BOBBY CASSIDY .....Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—JOHN CONTEH** .....England

MUHAMMAD ALI
FIGHTER
OF THE
MONTH

MUHAMMAD ALI wins this months award with his big victory over San Diego's Ken Norton at Yankee Stadium, New York City.

This gives Ali a two to one mark in their three bouts. Norton winning the first, Ali the second and third.

Philadelphia's Jimmy Young was the runner-up to Ali this month. Others in the race were: Eckhard Dagge, Alfredo Escalera, Carlos Zarate, Esteban DeJesus, Miguel Barreto, Ron Lyle, Ray Lampkin and Rafael Limon.

Young won two bouts via the kayo route. He defeated Lou Rogan, 2, in Philadelphia and stopped Mike Boswell in 4, at Utica, N.Y.

Dagge retained his W.B.C. junior middleweight crown with a close 15 round nod over ex-welter and middleweight champion Emile Griffith in Berlin, Germany.

Puerto Rico's Escalera held on to his W.B.C. junior lightweight title with a 12 round knockout over San Francisco's Ray Lunny III.

Also in Puerto Rico, Esteban DeJesus remained the W.B.C. lightweight champion with a seventh round kayo over Dominican

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON .....Argentina
1—MIKE COLBERT .....Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES .....Colombia
3—TONY LICATA .....New Orleans, La.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE .....Philadelphia, Pa.
5—BOBBY WATTS .....Philadelphia, Pa.
6—DAVID LOVE .....Los Angeles, Calif.
7—GRATIEN TONNA .....France
8—VITO ANTUOFERMO .....Italy
9—FRANK WISSENBACK .....Germany
10—RAY SEALES .....Tacoma, Wash.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JOSE DURAN* .....Spain
1—ECKHARD DAGGE** .....Germany
2—MAURICE HOPE .....England
3—MIGUEL CAMPANINO .....Argentina
4—ELISHA OBED .....Nassau, Bahamas
5—MONTY BETHAM .....New Zealand
6—KOICHI WAJIMA .....Japan
7—ROCKY MATTIOLI .....Australia
8—MIGUEL CASTELLINI .....Argentina
9—BRUNO ARCARI .....Italy
10—GENE WELLS .....Orlando, Fla.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** .....Los Angeles, Calif.
1—PETER RANZANY .....Sacramento, Calif.
2—CLYDE GRAY .....Canada
3—JOHN STRACEY .....England
4—ARMANDO MUNIZ .....Los Angeles, Calif.
5—JOSE CUEVAS* .....Mexico
6—ANGEL ESPADA .....Puerto Rico
7—JOHNNY GANT .....Washington D.C.
8—MIGUEL BARRETO .....New York, N.Y.
9—DAVID GREEN .....England
10—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ .....Dominican Rep.

Hector Medina, in San Juan.

W.B.A. bantamweight king Carlos Zarate stopped Australia's Paul Ferreira, 12, to retain his crown in Los Angeles.

Welterweight Miguel Barreto, New York, upset Dominican Fausto Rodriguez in ten on the under-card of the DeJesus-Medina bout in San Juan, P.R.

Denver heavyweight Ron Lyle came from behind to stop a game fighter from New York named Kevin Isaac, in seven.

Ray Lampkin, boxing with a badly cut hand, outpointed Brooks Byrd in ten, at Portland, Oregon.

Rafael Limon, Mexico, kayoed former world bantamweight king Lionel Rose, in three rounds, on the under-card of the Zarate-Ferreri bout, in Los Angeles.

Other big wins of the month: light heavyweights Richie Kates over Don Rucker and Len Hutchins over Macha Foley, flyweight Juan Alvarez upset over Ignacio Espinal.

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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ* .....Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES .....Colombia
2—RAY LAMPKIN .....Portland, Ore.
3—MONROE BROOKS .....Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HECTOR THOMPSON .....Australia
5—NICOLINO LOCHE .....Argentina
6—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN .....Thailand
7—MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ** .....Spain
8—CEMAL KAMACI .....Austria
9—TONY PETRONELLI .....Brockton, Mass.
10—SAOUL MAMBY .....New York, N.Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* .....Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** .....Puerto Rico
2—VICENTE SALDIVAR .....Mexico
3—EDWIN VIRUET .....Puerto Rico
4—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ .....Dominican Rep.
5—PERICO FERNANDEZ .....Spain
6—HECTOR MEDINA .....Dominican Rep.
7—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE .....France
8—TOMMY ROSE .....Sherborn, Mass.
9—HUGO BARRAZA .....Colombia
10—RUDY HERNANDEZ .....Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BEN VILLAFLOR* .....Philippines
1—SAMUEL SERRANO .....Puerto Rico
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA** .....Puerto Rico
3—TYRONE EVERETT† .....Philadelphia, Pa.
4—WALTER SEELEY .....Sayville, N.Y.
5—APOLLO YOSHIO .....Japan
6—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS .....South Africa
7—RAFAEL LIMON .....Mexico
8—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ .....Dominican Rep.
9—SIGFRIDO RODRIGUEZ .....Mexico
10—RONNIE McGARVEY .....Hillcrest Hgts. Md.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* .....Nicaragua
1—DANNY LOPEZ .....Los Angeles, Calif.
2—DAVID KOTEY POISON** .....Ghana
3—ART HAFEY .....Canada
4—RIGOBERTO RIASCO .....Panama
5—RUBEN OLIVARES .....Mexico
6—ELIO COTINA .....Italy
7—LIONEL HERNANDEZ .....Venezuela
8—EDER JOFRE .....Brazil
9—ARNOLD TAYLOR .....South Africa
10—ALFREDO PITALUA .....Colombia

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* .....Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** .....Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ .....Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA .....Panama
4—RAUL TIRADA .....Mexico
5—PADDY MAGUIRE .....Ireland
6—FRANK DUARTE .....Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ROBERT RUVALDINO .....Mexico
8—RODOLFO MARTINEZ .....Mexico
9—SALVATORE FABRIZIO .....Italy
10—DANIEL TRIOULAIRE .....France

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** .....Mexico
1—LUIS ESTABE .....Venezuela
2—GUY ESPADAS .....Mexico
3—JORGE LUJAN .....Panama
4—JUAN GUZMAN .....Dominican Rep.
5—ALFONSO LOPEZ .....Panama
6—BETULIO GONZALEZ .....Venezuela
7—JUAN ALVAREZ .....Mexico
8—JAIME RIOS .....Panama
9—WILLIE JANSEN† .....Las Vegas, Nev.
10—JIRO TAKADA .....Japan

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Al Hogan, New Orleans, La.	8/74	7	7	0	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Matt Ross, Lawrence, Mass.	6/76	7	7	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ernie Singletary, Philadelphia, Pa.	10/74	6	6	0	0	2
WELTERWEIGHT						
Freddie Harris, Bossier City, La.	2/75	8	7	1	0	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Gonzalo Montellano, Los Angeles, Calif.	1/76	5	5	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Victor Cortez, Mexico	2/75	16	16	0	0	12
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Paz Mena, San Bernardino, Calif.	4/76	7	5	2	0	1
FLYWEIGHT						
David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.	6/76	5	5	0	0	4

Doug Demmings Too Good For His Own Good

By GEORGE BLAIR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA — Ever hear of a fighter who is just a little too good for his own welfare, and therefore has difficulty getting the right fights so that he can climb up the fistic ladder? Sure you have. And without the right boxing world connections, a very good fistic talent will go to waste, unheard of by the boxing fans.

A boxer like this is now trying to ply his trade in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and is doing well, but not so well as he would like to do or is capable of doing. His name is Doug Demmings, a multi-talented middleweight performer.

Demmings works out at the Seven Street Gym in downtown Minneapolis, a sweatbox located below street level. Many of the top fighters have walked down the steps of the gym for a training session, and the crowd looks on wide-eyed. But many don't realize that a potential world class boxer trains there all the time, mostly unnoticed, Doug Demmings.

Doug could be classified as a master boxer who puts out only as much in a match as he has to to capture the victory. To see Demmings glide around the ring in training or in a bout, popping out the left jabs, moving just enough to make the other man miss, dropping in a sharp right, leaves you thinking that this guy could be another Ray Robinson or Ezzard Charles. You leave wondering why this fighter was in a preliminary fight.

The reason is that Demmings is one of the most feared pugilists in the country, and the right fights just don't come to Doug Demmings. Boxing people know of Demmings, and managers are quick to give their answer to a Demmings match; no.

As an amateur, Demmings was very successful. He won the Minneapolis title several times and captured the Upper Midwest 165 pound Golden Glove championship twice, in 1972 and 1973. Doug was thwarted in his quest for a national title, though. In 1972 Demmings was eliminated by Marvin Johnson, now a contender, in the third round of the tournament. In 1973, at Lowell, Massachusetts, Demmings couldn't put it together, and dropped a decision to Jerome Bennett in the second round of the tournament.

At that time, Demmings said that was it, and turned professional. On August 6, 1973, Doug flattened one Keith Deon in the second round in Minneapolis. As of this writing, Demmings has put together a 18-1-0 pro record, or 17-1-1, you can take your pick, and that will be explained

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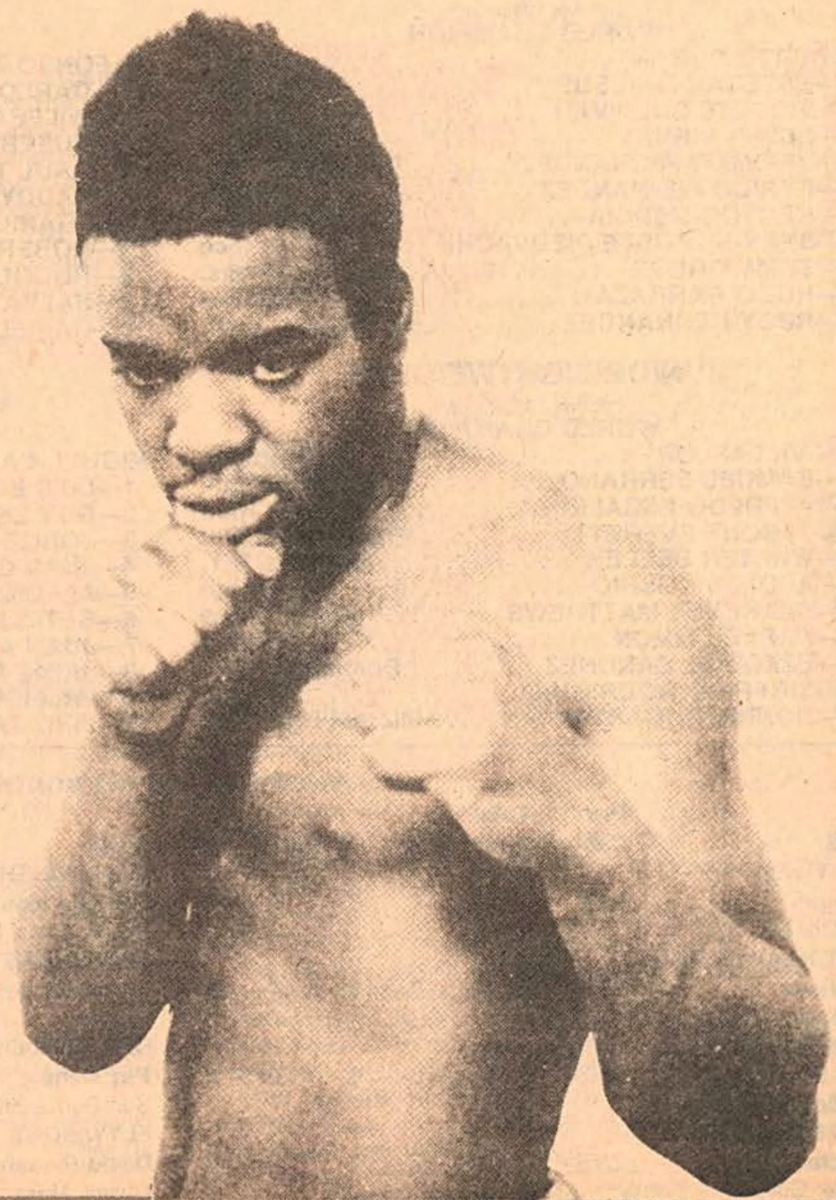
Minneapolis, Minnesota's, Doug Demmings is a middleweight who has had trouble getting the fights he needs to move up in the ratings.



SAM TAUB FETED AT 90 BY BOXING WORLD

By DAN DANIEL

ONE of the most remarkable birthday parties ever given for a veteran associated with professional sports filled the Colony Restaurant, on Seventh Avenue, in New York, on the night of Friday, September 10. More than 150 friends of the honoree, from all over the world, filled the Colony.

The celebrant was Sam Taub. That the event was so unusual was due to a combination of circumstances.

In the first place, it was Sam's ninetieth anniversary.

The boxing world did him honor as an expert, as a writer, as a man who forgot nothing associated with THE RING.

He had seen thousand of fights, many more than any other spectator.

He had broadcast thousands of fights.

He had made hundreds of speeches at boxing functions.

He had been assistant to the famous lawman, Bat Masterson, in the days when the hero of Dodge City was the boxing editor of the "New York Morning Telegraph."

Taub still is doing a column for RING MAGAZINE, the "Bible of Boxing." Day after day the ninagenerian reports to West 31st St. to do his chores at the magazine. Rain or shine, snow or fair weather, he never gives a thought to quitting.

He remember boxing incidentals of more than fifty years ago with clarity.

The party should have been given by the Boxing Writers Associations, of which he was one of the founders, but it was left to a close friend of Sam's, Arnold (Ossie) Feldman, to think up the idea months ago and pay the bill. A closer friend hath no man.

Among those present to honor Sam Taub (far right) were Jack Dempsey (bottom row), and from left to right: Floyd Patterson, Dr. Edwin Campbell, Deputy Boxing Commissioner Frank Morris, and Ted Lukawski, Madison Square Garden security.

Birthday No. 91 is something for the writers to place on their agenda.

The Colony boasted greats like Jack Dempsey, who escorted his daughter Barbara; Floyd Patterson, who was there with his wife, Janet and sister-in-law; Lou Salica, two time bantam king, with his wife Grace; Paul Berlenbach, ranked as one of our great light heavyweight kings; Solly Seeman, former Coast junior lightweight king, with wife Rose.

Don Dunphy did a splendid job as Master of Ceremonies, a notable successor to broadcaster Sam Taub. With him was his lovely wife, Muriel.

Seated at the Dempsey table were Sam's buddy Bill Gallo, famous Cartoonist of the "Daily News," and Sports Editor Dick Young. With Gallo was his wife Dolores. Also, Frank Litsky, of

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(Above left) Ossie Feldman, sponsor of Sam Taub's honorary party, greets Nat Loubet, Publisher and Editor of RING MAGAZINE. (Above right) Sam cuts his birthday cake with great granddaughter Kimberly. Surrounding them, from left to right: daughters Amelia Freedman and Bunny Strausberg, son Joseph, great grandson-in-law Nickey, daughter-in-law Ruth, granddaughter Denise, son Harold, granddaughter Joan, son-in-law Jack Strausberg. Photos by Barry Shaw.

THE WOMANLY ART

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me. I'm not afraid of her either."

In 1922, Jeanne La Mar, of France, having beaten six European women, including Steffi Bernet, the German champ, invaded the USA looking for opponents. Jeanne got lots of publicity over her ability to work out and hold her own against male boxers in New York gyms, but she failed to lure a challenger and returned home.

While Jeanne was on her way, German champ Bernet landed in New York on the SS George Washington with a troupe of boxers looking for action. La Mar refused to return to America and the women were unable to find opponents, so they sailed for home.

In 1924, Claire Pinlozik, a sturdily-built 15-year-old High School student of Newark, N.J., easily whipped two young challengers who quit in less than a round. Lack of opponents ended her career.

On the West Coast, matches were attempted, but abandoned when Ginger Rogers (not the actress), of Boston, knocked out Peggy Sloan, of Buffalo, in an obviously phoney bout.

Mickey Walker, the former great champion, trained girls for sixteen weeks back in 1939 in an attempt to create interest in the fair sex as battlers. The youngest was 19 and another was a mother of two children. Mickey first featured the well conditioned girls (wearing breast protectors) on New York's Hudson River excursion boat. It proved to be popular, but not for long.

After a lull of 37 years, a wave of renewed interest by women in boxing is sweeping the country. What makes this group of women different from its predecessors is that state commissions are getting involved to license the women and deliniate rules for their protection. Will these battlers inspire the prolonged interest that the pioneers in women's boxing failed to raise? Only time will tell.

MEDINA SUFFERS FIRST LOSS

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however let the action continue and De Jesus continued his incessant attack. A left uppercut to the jaw finally tumbled Medina and that was it. The end was called at 1:45.

Due credit must be given Medina for his showing. He came to fight, and fight he did. He wanted the title badly, but didn't use the correct strategy.

De Jesus was quite pleased with his showing. He did appear over anxious and missed a few haymakers, but he won, and winning is the name of the game.

Local fight experts felt that De Jesus was lax in his training. He had dropped his reputable Venezuelan trainer, Hector Criollo, ten days before the fight. It was not considered a wise move, but he managed to get an able substitute New Yorker Victor Valle.

Where does he go from here?

"I've got a Vicent Saldivar fight lined up and then I'd like Roberto Duran again," said the champion.

He's one up with Duran, having scored the only victory over the W.B.A. titleholder.

Local promoter Jose Santiago has the Saldivar match set for early November. "We would like to get Duran for March 1977 if he's willing to come down for $150,000," said Santiago.

It appeared that heavy fisted welter Fausto Rodriguez would have an easy one against New York based Puertorican Miguel Barreto.

Famous for his early round knockouts, Fausto wobbled Barreto with a hard right to the jaw in the initial seconds of the bout. The New Yorker held on for dear life. It appeared that if he didn't go in the first that he'd go in the second or third.

Bloodied as he was Barreto held on and using his ring savvy eluded his tormentor for the next few rounds. He began to land solid in the fifth and surprised everyone by dropping Rodriguez in the sixth for an eight count.

Experience told in the end, as Barreto piled up enough points in the last rounds to take a split decision from Rodriguez.

It was a tough one for Rodriguez to lose, as he showed great improvement in his deficient boxing skill.

Former W.B.A. titleholder Angel Espada made his first start since his upset kayo loss against Jose Cuevas, a successful one.

He stopped Mexican Agustin Estrada by virtue of a TKO victory in the fourth round. Espada was punching quite sharply, and had opened up cuts over both of his rival's eyes when referee Quinones called a halt. Estrada knew he had it, and offered no protest at the referee's decision. His cornermen however showed little concern for him and protested the halt.

The leading junior lightweight contender had an easy tune-up in preparation for his Ben Villaflor title encounter. He scored a three round kayo over pint sized Mexican Adrian Villanueva. The stage is now set for his encounter with Villaflor.

The opening four saw bantam Toti Villegas score a decision over Hector Cruz.

LYLE KO'S ISAAC

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many combinations and jabs at Mike, who could only swing wildly or cover up.

Young was continuing his offense in the fourth, battering Boswell with no return, when Referee Jimmy Devlin decided that although Boswell had not gone down, he was unfit to continue further and was not offering Young any fight. The match was terminated at 2:34 of the fourth round.

Young, who had gone the distance with Muhammad Ali in a close one, raised his record to 18-4-1. Young and the winner of the other heavyweight 10 rounder, Lyle, will be meeting again shortly.

In the third ten rounder of the big show, former welterweight champion Billy Backus, of nearby Canastota, met Pablo Rodriguez, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, in a return go. Billy, early in the year, had taken the measure of Pablo in a Syracuse bout. This time Backus, at 147, making his fourth start of the year, again returned a unanimous winner. Backus began slow, but continued his aggressive style against the quick Rodriguez, also 147.

Backus scored well in the second and seventh, jolting Rodriguez, but not being able to put the finishing combinations over.

Pablo was able to use a good jab on Billy as an old cut reopened.

Backus finished strong in the closing rounds, but Pablo covered up or moved away and was hard to trap for the rugged Backus.

Billy earned the verdict with scores of 8-1-1, 8-1-1-, and 7-2-1.

For Backus the unanimous win brought him to 43-19-4, as he gained his fifth straight.

In more action bouts on the card Greg Sorrentino, 197, Syracuse, scored a nice unanimous decision over Johnny Moore, 193, New York City, in a six rounder. Moore, with a wild left hook which sometimes found the mark, grazed the referee Jack Milicich at one point. Sorrentino's many punches made him the winner. Greg, handled by Carmen Basilio, is now 2-0-1, in three outings.

In an abbreviated six rounder, Mike Rocky Esterfia, 155, Providence, R.I., scored a second round t.k.o. win over Cove Green, 158, Hartford, Connecticut. Esterfia, had dropped Green twice in the second when it was stopped after 1:44 of the round.

In the opener, a four rounder, Pee Wee Suarez, 140, New York, making his second Utica War Memorial Appearance, k.o.'d James Williams, 146½, White Plains, 31 seconds into the second round of a scheduled four rounder.

A nice afternoon crowd of 4,200 fans made their way into the Utica War Memorial for the bouts which were televised over ABC's Wide World of Sports. Howard Cossel, was at the mike. The Utica and area boxing fans again appreciated the fine card of boxing arranged by Don King Productions in conjunction with the local Main Event Boxing Corp. promoters.

CLYDE GRAY DULL, ELLIOT FLASHY

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Rich Harris, Patterson, New Jersey, failed his medical as set by the local commission. Pellegino, instead, went three rounds of exhibition boxing with Roy Johnson, Jamica.

In the opener of six rounds, local Peter Linthorne, 146, Stellarton, Nova Scotia, was upset by New Jersey negro Mike Bullock, 142, in an action packed fight. The card was promoted by Al Brown and Gussie MacLennan and drew about 3,200 with a gate about $25,000. Guest referee for the main event was veteran Bobby Beaton, while a guest judge was Lew Eskin.

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EDITORIAL

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boxing reaching new heights and with fighters exhibiting a better brand of boxing than we have witnessed in recent years. Once again the United States will have a chance to gain back the championships it has lost.

But to the boxing fan who loves boxing regardless of what country the champion hails from, he too will benefit, for he will see a rise in the international matches and the flourishing of a new and better international boxing world.

ESCALERA HALTS LUNNY

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mandatory eight count.

Junior welter Josue Marquez avenged a previous defeat when he scored a unanimous ten round decision over Dominican Nany Marrero. Marrero tried to set his style of fighting by attacking continually with looping blows, but they missed more than they scored. Marquez, on the other hand, countered effectively with straight left-right combinations.

A cut eye in the first round bothered Marrero, who seemed to have difficulty in getting his cornermen to handle the problem efficiently. Marquez has shown great improvement recently and should be due for better things.

New York based Dominican Junior lightweight Jose Fernandez proved that he is still in the running for another title match when he scored a split ten round decision over Benny Ortiz.

Ortiz fought a cautious fight against his heavier thumping opponent. He did not display his usual confidence, and may have been overtrained. Fernandez, on the other hand, was always moving forward with complete disdain for his opponent's punching ability.

Ortiz lost the fight because of his inability to keep out of range of Fernandez' right hand shots to the head. Although the decision was of the split variety, there is no question that Fernandez was entitled to the verdict.

Californian junior welter Jimmy Heair could not cope with southpaw Santos Solis and lost a ten round decision. It was a dismal performance by Heair, who was unable to take a single round. His reflexes were poor. He was hit from all angles and at all times. It was a sad turnabout from his previous performance here when he scored so brilliantly over Laudiel Negron. Negron was kayoed and has not been heard from since. After Jimmy's performance it is difficult to visualize that he should be heard from again. At least possibilities of performing here in Puerto Rico are very slim.

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COLBERT ENDS LICATA STREAK

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caught Colbert with a short right to the jaw. Nothing happened. Colbert danced around the ring coming back with a couple of good left hooks to stagger Licata.

The last round found Tony looking to pull the fight out with a kayo. Mike countered with lead rights and left hooks, and took not only the round away from Licata, but also the fight.

The scoring of the contest follows: referee Lucien Joubert and Judge Charlie Joseph called it 5-4-1 for Colbert while Judge Peter Giarusso has 5-2-3 for Licata. His decision was booed by the fans. The local newspapers both had Colbert the winner. THE RING scored 7-3 for the winner.

After the bout Licata stated, "He was a tough man to box, but he is a good fighter."

Colbert said, "I hoped that they would give me the nod if it went the distance. I had to fight a new type of fight for me because I was ill for two days and lost 8 pounds. Licata is a great boxer, and many say the best in the U.S. Well, I beat him, so that must make me the No. 1 middleweight in the U.S. and in the world!

I would like to box any of the other top ten fighters, such as Rodrigo Valdez, Bennie Briscoe, Gratien Tonna, and Vito Antuofermo. I would really like to meet Carlos Monzon for the title before the year is out. A local Portland promotor has offered Monzon $125,000 to box me there in November."

In a semi-final of the Heard Ragas promotion, heavyweight Al Hogan won an eight round duke over Charles Atlas. Hogan is from New Orleans.

LAMPKIN OVER BYRD

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Ramsey, from Portland, won a unanimous nod.

In a middleweight contest, Larry Smith, Seattle, took a six round split duke over C. J. Brown, Springfield, Oregon.

A crowd of 2,500 paid over $8,000 for promoter Sammy Singer.

FOSTER & HARRIS WIN

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168, Alliance, and Jimmy Owens, 164, Detroit, battled toe to toe for the entire distance. The difference was a first round knockdown scored by Owens. Alexander came right back to dominate the middle rounds. Owens won the final round and the decision by a very close margin. Owens was billed under his new ring name of "Sugar Demon" and was handled by Henry Grooms.

In another slugging match, Bobby Plegge, 138, Salem, won a 4 round split decision from Steve Adams, 137½, Portsmouth. This bout had the fans on their feet throughout, as the two Ohio battlers exchanged furious action from bell to bell.

Ron Pettigrew, 142, won a 6 round decision over Larry Moore, 141, Charleston, West Virginia.

DOUG DEMMING

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later on in this article. Demmings has scored five knockouts.

The only loss on Demmings record came in his third pro fight when he was stopped in three rounds by Daniel Brewer, in Chicago. No rematch with Brewer has been made.

Among the victories scored by Demmings are wins over Jimmy Owens, Tony Chiaverini, Lee Barber, Nick Peoples, Ray Smith, and John Heidel.

The confusion in Demmings' record arose in a February 7, 1976, bout in Minneapolis with tough Tony Chiaverini. After eight close rounds, two officials called it a draw and the other gave it to Demmings, but the official decision was given to Demmings. Payton Sher, manager of Chiaverini, protested that it should have been called a draw.

RING MAGAZINE announced it would record the draw decision; however, Minnesota commissioner, Fred Allen, said, "While in the official record books this fight may have been declared a draw, the Minnesota commissioner records list it as a win for Demmings." And with that decision Demmings record reads 18-1-0. In a ten round rematch on April 22, 1976, Demmings captured a convincing decision over Chiaverini.

In the June 1976 issue of RING, Demmings finally received some recognition as he moved into the top ten middleweights in the U.S. ratings. Since that time, Demmings has moved up as high as number six in the ratings. It's well deserved. Previous to being rated, Demmings had said, "I think I belong in the ratings. O'Connor, LeDoux, Bobick, and Rodriguez have all been in the world or U.S. ratings. Why not me?" Demmings is there now, and a fight with U.S. champion Tony Licata should be in the near future.

Not being able to get top matches and the money that goes along with it has depresed Demmings, at times to the point where he would like to give it all up. But with the fistic potential Doug Demmings has, justice should prevail, and hopefully he will get his chance at the big ones.

Other Midwest middleweights like Pat O'Connor and Glen Morgan avoid Doug Demmings like the plague, and it's this type of fight that Demmings needs to start his climb.

Yes, when Doug Demmings performs, you can imagine that he is another Robinson, Charles, or Napoles of the future, a diamond in the polishing process.

READ RING WRESTLING

VILLAFLOR RUSTY

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149¾, Honolulu, in the 3rd.

On another card, Fonomanu Sekona, 205, Tonga, won a hard fought decision over Eddie Jones, 193, Oakland, in ten. The fight was close and Jones later claimed that he thought he had won by a comfortable margin.

All the rest were 4 round bouts.

Dave Meadows, 155¾, Honolulu, decisioned Asipeli Tauveli, 152, Tonga.

Tala Taito, 153¾, Honolulu, decisioned Sekona Kid, 154½, Tonga.

William Vea, 219, Honolulu, knocked out Kenneth Oki, 218¼, Honolulu, in the 2nd.

Richard Neal, 162½, Los Angeles, beat Tama Elasi, 158½, Honolulu.

Pabano Martinez, 126½, Mexico, drew with Virgilio Legaspi, 126¼, Philippines.

This fight card was promoted by Sipafine Sekina.

LOVE ICES MONROE; BRISCOE, VILLANUEVA

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was a different fight.

The West Coast visitor could not miss with his right, and hurt Willie again in the third. Monroe avoided a trip to the canvas by holding on until his head cleared.

It was more of the same in the fourth when Love sent Monroe into the ropes with still another right hand bomb. Referee Hank Cisco made the mistake of giving Willie a standing 8-count.

The short rest did not help Monroe very much. Love rushed in and plastered the local with a series of hard lefts and rights, forcing Cisco to stop the massacre.

The loss shattered Monroe's hopes for a title shot this year and pushed Love into the thick of the middleweight picture.

Love upped his record to 29-11-1 with 12 KO's. Monroe lost for the fourth time against 34 wins and one draw. He has scored 23 KO's.

Local junior lightweight contender Jerome Artis was the recipient of a very unpopular 10-round draw with Jose Fernandez. The cocky Artis, 129½, boxed well until he ran out of gas. Then the slugging Dominican came on with a rush to sweep the last three rounds. The fans enjoyed the fast paced scrap, but booed the decision. They felt that Fernandez' more consistent work carried the fight.

Artis, now 14-1-4 with 6 KO's, had better start to train, because a harder puncher would have knocked him out.

Bantam Baby Kid Chocolate, 119, made it 16 in a row when former Mexican bantam champ Jose Medina, 120, was not allowed out for the sixth because of a bad cut over his right eye. The Mexican took Chocolate's best punches without flinching, but could not continue when the Philadelphian continually nailed him in the wounded eye with stinging right hands.

Transplanted Californian Marty Monroe made a smashing East Coast debut with a fourth-round knockout over tough New Yorker Billy Moore. Monroe, 196½, recovered from a hard right hand in the second to blast the stubborn Moore, 210, with beautiful left hooks. Moore went down in the third and then again, this time for good, in the fourth.

In the six-round show opener Rudy Donato, 166, looked lucky to get the nod over fellow Philadelphian Davey Dittmar, 166. It was a hard fought bout with both men landing repeatedly. However, I thought Dittmar did just enough to squeak home the winner.

Despite the great fights that preceeded it, the 4-round walk out bout almost stole the show. "Pee Wee" Stokes, 122, of N.Y.C., decisioned local Michael Frazier, 126, in a hectic punch-filled brawl.

HUTCHINS STINGS FOLEY

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ready for this long-awaited opportunity.

As knowledgable fight fans realize, Hutchins has stood in his Number 2 position for many months. His manager has done everything conceivable to match his star performer with either Victor Galindez or John Conteh, but neither fighter appears cooperative in giving Stinger his just due in a title fight. And, since Hutchins has been so highly regarded by boxing experts in the world ratings, it would be both foolish and unfair for either of the title holders to accept a championship bout with anyone but Hutchins. Len maintains that he will fight either man for either title as long as the bout is not held in their respective home countries. However, as stated before, neither champion has accepted Hutchins' rightful challenge which he, and thousands of Hutchins' fans, believe could make him champion of the world.

GRIFFITH PUTS UP GOOD FIGHT

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saw in the Deutschlandhalle, plenty of trouble and still come close to winning a world crown for the sixth time, and all this at a time of life when most boxers are in retirement.

Griffith's manager, 54 year old Gil Clancy, and trainer, Howard Albert, were both sour at the outcome. Both saw no other winner than Griffith, and Clancy said, "Thank goodness the Americans had the chance to see the fight on television. They can judge for themselves who was the real winner."

But to be fair, Dagge, in my opinion, won this one with two points to spare. The referee, Angelo Poletti, Italy, had both boxers all square, while judges Wally Thom, Great Britain, and Sanchez Villa, Spain, made Dagge the winner by six and three points, respectively.

Dagge's performance, I agree, could have been better, but even the best can look lousy against the world class veteran Emile Griffith. The eight thousand Berliners in the Deutschlandhalle were on this occasion so carried away by Emile Griffith's brilliant performance that they overlooked their own champion's unthankful job of having the American as challenger in the opposite corner.

At this stage fights will not get easier with all Dagge's future challengers all hungry for his world crown.

The Berliners overdid their fairplay policy this time, for the ovation they gave Griffith was unfair to Dagge who after all had an edge on the American and retained his crown. They should remember that without Eckhard Dagge just now there would be little or no boxing in Germany. The German sport probably needs Dagge more than the latter needs boxing. Eckhard Dagge arrived at a time when the sport in this country was as empty as a barrel with its bottom out.

For the first time in Germany in a junior middle contest six ounce gloves were worn instead of the usual eight. Also both boxers had their own medical officer. Dagge wore special boxing boots made for him weighing only 200 grams. They were the type worn by Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Eckhard Dagge is at his best as a junior middle, but big prize money in the offing may well entice him to step up with the middles for a bout with Carlos Monzon.

There appears to be a great partnership between Dagge and American Henry Davis, who comes over from Los Angeles for Eckhard's important battles. Henry was in his corner when the German won the European crown from Jose Duran and when he lost it to Vito Antuofermo, and also when Dagge won the world crown beating Elisha Obed and for the German's defense against Emile Griffith.

ZARATE DEFENDS TITLE

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The 22-year-old Zarate earned $70,000, and is now thinking about a showdown with fellow countryman, Alfonso Zamora, who holds the WBA version of the 118 pound crown.

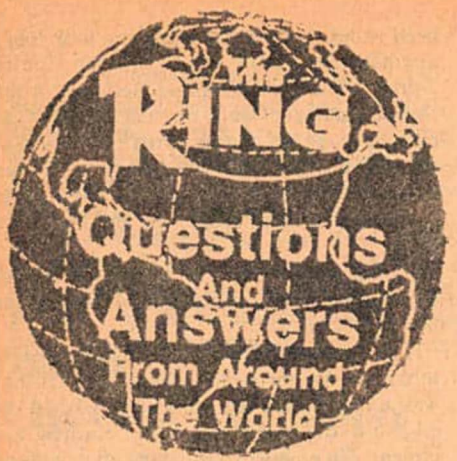
Zarate weighed 117, Ferreri, 117½.

In the chief supporting bout former bantam champion Lionel Rose, 131, Melbourne, was no match for Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, 130, Mexico City.

Limon dropped Rose three times before referee George Latka stopped the fight early in the third round.

Other results: Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, Mexico City, won a KO over Joe Hernandez, 134, Los Angeles, (8); Alberto Davila, 118, Los Angeles, took a decision over Cubanito Hernandez, 119, Mexico City, (10); Norman Sweeney, 174, Santa Ana, won a KO over Tony Murillo, 171, Columbia, S.A., (3).

The show was promoted by Danny Villaneuva's Magaverde promotions.



Q. When a pro sticks his body outside of the ropes, is it considered a knockdown. I could not find that in the **Ring Record Book.**

Karl Gritz
New Orleans, La.

A. It is a legal knockdown.

Q. Has Floyd Patterson ever notified THE RING that he has retired?

Fred Casey
New York, N.Y.

A. No, but THE RING now considers him retired.

Q. Does THE RING regard Ezzard Charles having been an official world heavyweight champion?

Jim Badeux
Chicago, Ills.

A. Emphatically, yes.

Q. Joe Walcott. The Borbados Demon, never paid any attention to the scales. In which weight class did you rate him?

Will Jales
New Orleans, La.

A. The all time poll placed him in the welter class.

Q. Is Cervantes Black or Caucasian? I saw a reference to him as a descendant of the famous Spanish writer Cervantes who wrote **Don Quixote.**

Jordan Bullogk
Boston, Mass.

A. Cervantes is Black, and so far as we know, no relation to the writer.

Q. Who won the middleweight Gold Medal in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City?

Evan Gordon
Manchester, England

A. Chris Finnegan of Great Britain.

Q. Was there actually a fight between Fitzsimmons and Ernest Roeber, the wrestler, while Fitz was training for Corbett?

Waldo Carver
San Francisco, Cal.

A. Yes. Fitzsimmons stopped Roeber with one punch at Carson City, Nevada, in 1897.

Q. Does THE RING have a signed admission by Jack Johnson that he faked the fight with Willard in Havana?

James J. Williams
Galvestom, Yex.

A. Yes. Nat Fleischer gave Johnson $300 for it, but did not believe it to be true. Johnson later admitted that the fight had been on the level.

Q. Were both meetings of Jeffries and Munroe fights, or was one a mere exhibition? Was Munroe a football player?

Carey Healey
Buttee, Mont.

A. The first meeting was an exhibition, the second meeting was a fight resulting in a KO for Munroe. Munroe was a football player on the Marcus Daly copper mine eleven.

Q. Was Frankie Genaro an Olympic Gold Medal winner?

Walter Kelly
Albany, N.Y.

A. Yes, Genaro was an Olympic winner in the flyweight class in the 1920 Games at Antwerp.

Q. Does THE RING set up favorites for the big fights and make this information available to fans over the telephone?

Wardlow Banker
New Orleans, La.

A. No. That is betting information and we are not in that business.

Q. How many pro fights did Marciano have? I say he had fewer than 50.

Jack Fraizer
Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Marciano had only 49 pro fights. He won 43 by KO.

Q. Sonny Banks scored a knockdown against Ali. In what number fight in Ali's schedule did this happen?

"Dummie"
Harlem, N.Y.C.

A. It happened in Ali's eleventh pro fight in New York. Ali stopped Banks in the fourth round.

Q. Was Joe Choyinski, the fighter, Jewish? The California branch of the family says he was Polish Catholic. The New York end says Jewish. The question has been debated a long time. Let us settle it once and for all.

Joe Choymski
New York, N.Y.

A. He was not Jewish, once and for all.

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SHE HAS TALENT

Just a note of appreciation from a fan and subscriber for the outstanding article on Ken Norton by your Las Vegas representative, Shirley Norman. Recalling the bubble-headed gushing of Candice Bergen during the Ali-Dunn prefight telecast, we are reminded of how much a hypocritical spirit of femine "Tokenism" can detract from good reporting of the fight game. I am grateful that when THE RING hires a woman correspondent it is quite evidently on the basis of talent alone.

Ned Fuller
Arlington, Virginia

MARCIANO OVERATED

For some time I have wanted to express my thoughts to RING about Rocky Marciano. There is absolutely no doubt that Rocky was an outstanding credit to the fight game; however, I sincerely believe he was greatly overated. The secret to being a truly great fighter has been the ability to *avoid* punishment, not to take it.

Rocky retired with only 49 fights, at the intelligent urging of his wife, who quickly realized that he was absorbing a tremendous number of punches. This was especially true of his two bouts with Charles and that all out war he had in his last encounter with Moore.

I bet many of you New England oldtimers will probably smile when I mention a good strong heavyweight from New London, Connecticut, by the name of "Tiger" Ted Lowry, who many boxing critics thought soundly trounced Rocky on the night of 10 October 1949 at the Providence Auditorium, Rhode Island. They said it was like a father toying with his son, with Lowry giving "The Rock" quite a boxing lesson. It is also rumored Rocky received another gift when he met Lowry again at the auditorium on the night of 13 November 1950.

I've always wondered why Marciano never fought Clarence Henry, a better boxer than Rocky and quite a notorious puncher himself. We all know that Bob Satterfield, a terrific puncher, had a glass jaw and not too much heart, but who could ever forget his exciting punching prowess for a couple of rounds when he ko'd Elkins Brothers on T.V. in two rounds at Uline Arena, Washington in 1951? I wonder what would have happened if Bob had ever been able to get his shots off first against "The Rock." Why weren't they ever matched together? Also, why didn't Rocky fight against opposition of high caliber like Mixim, Brion, Bivens or Valdes instead of guys like Eldridge Eastman, Bill Wilson and Harold Mitchell? Then, to top it all off, some think Rocky would have beaten Ali.

Capt. Joel Lipsitt, USAF
Taipei, Taiwan

GIRLS BEATS MAN

I am an 18-year-old Italian boy, and I have been interested in boxing for some years now. One year ago-about-I and a friend of mine were discussing womens' boxing. I bet with him that I, 5w8 inch and 137 pounds, never would be beaten by a woman of my own size.

It was hard to find opponents, but before this happened I had boxed different girls in 11 bouts. They have been between 15-29 years old and 125-165 pounds. I won all bouts. In only two of the bouts did my female opponents last for three rounds. The rest ended in KO or TKO. I was never knocked down.

I was pretty sure of myself when I went up in the ring to box the swedish girl Miss Gunilla Olsson, 23 years old, 5'9" and 126 pounds. For the first time in my life I was knocked down and I give up in the middle of the second round.

I was keen on revenge and the same day we boxed again. This time we boxed all three rounds out. Three very hard ones, and we decided it to be a draw.

This morning we boxed the third bout, which had no round limit. I wanted to beat her and gave my all. However, Gunilla was a better and colder boxer than I was and showed her superiority over me by winning by KO in round 4.

I am *not* ashamed of losing to a women in boxing. She was better than me. I will, however, not box any more females, but I hope that female boxing itself will be more accepted.

I hope you will publish this because of my loose bet, and I give my knowledge that a girl can beat a man.

Roberto Ceccarossi
Rome, Italy

MARICIANO THE GREATEST?

In reply to Louis M. Tarasi, Jr.'s, letter stating that Rocky Marciano was the greatest heavyweight champ of all. I would like to state that everyone has his or her own view of who the greatest was. But I would like to bring a few facts into light about Marciano's ring career:

As for that computer "fight," between Rocky and Ali you must remember even in his prime Marciano cut easily and was often knocked down. Ali's jab and straight right could have easily won that "contest alone, real or imaginary.

As for Joe Louis, at 37, over the hill, I could hardly call this a great victory. Even Rocky himself states, "If I had met Joe ten years ago he could'a beat me with his eyes closed."

Ezzard Charles? Great fighter. But fighting aroung 180 pounds and also 34 and past his prime when he met Rocky —hardly a threat bet. He lasted 15 and 8 rounds in their two meetings and gave Rocky hell both times.

Walcott at 39, also past his peak.

If Rocky were so great he would surely have KO'ed him short of 13 rounds.

Archie Moore? One of the greats of all time! But at 40 and basically a light-heavy? How can you call Rocky's 9th round kayo "great" when Marciano himself was knocked down and went thru hell and high water just to win?

My final point. Rocky left behind many great or potentially great contenders. Perhap against a young Cleveland Williams, whom any true boxing fan will tell you was the hardest hitting heavyweight of all time, Louis and Foreman included, Rocky may well have been killed. There are others who then were young and good fighters: Sam Baroudi, Jimmy Bivins, HARRY Matthews, Bob Satterfield, Nick Barone, Lee Oma, Rex Layre, Harold Johnson, Eddie Machen and Zora Folley—all good fighters. Maybe Rocky's backers were smarter than even Marciano knew?

Don't get me wrong. Rocky, had it been totally left up to him, would have given all these fighters a shot at his crown. He had a savage competitive nature and ducked no one. This question, mark in my view, leaves much to be desired before Rocky can be truly even compared to the greatest champion heavyweight to breathe air, The Brown Bomber, JOE LOUIS.

Gordon Slott Manley
Portsmouth, Virginia

AMERICAN TEAM BEST EVER

I am an amateur boxing buff. I went to Montreal to see the boxing contests, and want to say that the American team was the best ever to represent this country in the internationals, without any question. Leonard was great, one of the best yet to

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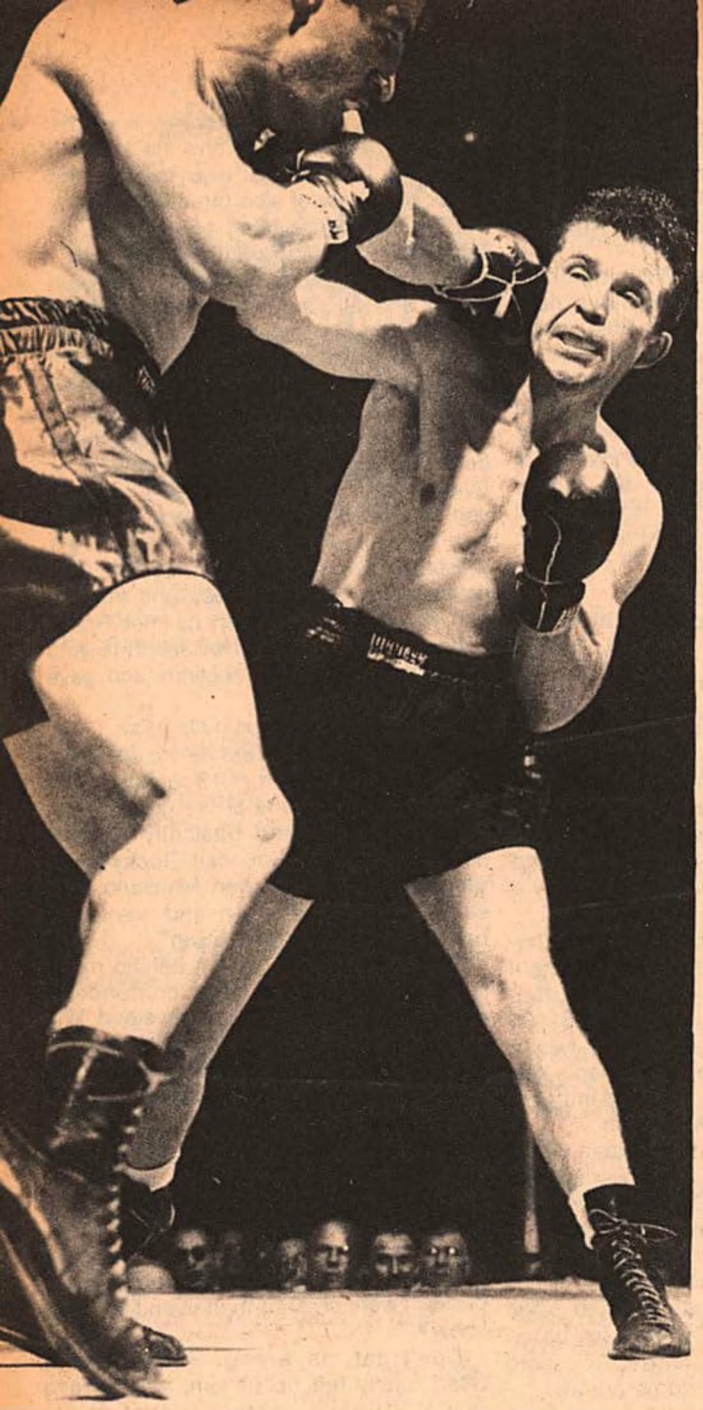


Tenth Round Punches Saved Graziano's Career

By LESTER BROMBERG

THERE are three minutes to every round, and it's axiomatic that nobody wins, or loses, or even draws, until the last round is completed.

The memories of the ring's greatest are filled with such instances. Rocky Graziano, the exciting puncher of the mid-1940s, can even recall his in triplicate. He was the happy warrior of the middleweights, as well as their champion, and he somehow managed to land the right punch at the right time.

This knack originated in his street-fighting days on the sidewalks of New York. "How did I win so many street fights?" he said recently at the age of 54 while rehearsing one of his TV commercials. "I'd start an argument if I knew the other bum could be dangerous, and while he was arguing I'd slip over a right hand to the chin. That usually did the trick."

This can be dismissed as Rocky's sense of humor, yet he was on the right track. For example, he was trailing Red Cochrane, the welterweight champion, twice in ten round over-the-weight bouts in 1945 at the old Garden. It was the dark near the end of the tunnel. But he broke loose in the last round each time to have Cochrane on the floor and eventually knocked out.

The fights were back-to-back, no less. You can look it up and see that the happenstance probably constitutes a record.

In 1947 Rocky was fighting Tony Zale in the second of their 160-pound title fights at Chicago; a savage brawl. It went this way, then that way. In the fifth round or so Graziano started to peter out. .but, wait a minute, he's coming back. In the next round, with Zale defenseless on the ropes, but stubbornly disdaining to surrender, the referee called it over for him.

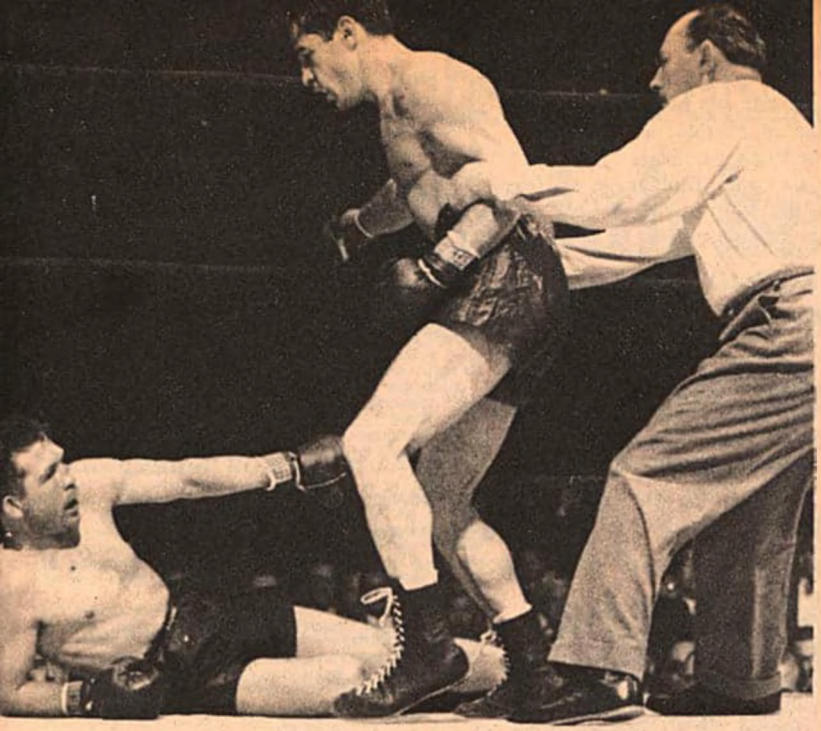
Rocky had been disparaged on his lack of guts in the first fight and he had been demeaned because of his involvement in a never-happen fight with Reuben Shank ("Why should I tank for Reuben Shank?").

Now he emerged a champion and he pulled a classic line for the New York public, saying, "The black sheep become the champ."

There remained another of his patented finishes. In 1949 he was at action in the Big Apple with Charley Fusari, who was younger, faster, more clever. Fusari was apparently making the most of these qualities for the first eight rounds in a ten round fight.

Irving Cohen, who deserves many a medal for managing

Rocky Graziano shoots a straight left to the side of Freddie "Red" Cochrane's face during their ten round bout at Madison Square Garden, on June 29, 1945. Rocky broke loose in the last round to KO Cochrane and save the fight.



(Above) Referee Benny Leonard pulls Graziano away from Cochrane in round ten of their second bout in New York, on August 24. Rocky again was saved at the last minute. (Right) During the course of that second bout, Cochrane blocks a right thrown by Graziano.

Graziano, got to him in the corner. "Rocky, you're losing—I'll change that, you've lost this fight. Do something," he pleaded. Rocky came out the next round and grabbed Fusari around the throat, the while bringing over his hammering right. Charley had no defense for that tactic. He protested, but the referee was looking the other way, evidently. No penalty was called. Graziano proceeded to belabor Fusari against the ropes. How much could he take? Graziano knocked him out in the tenth round.

Jake LaMotta, who never fought Graziano, although he went into training for the match (which is another story), also had one of those victories that were pulled out of the fire. LaMotta? A complex man with ability.

Jake was defending the middleweight championship in 1950 against Laurent Dauthuille, in Detroit. It was ushered in by a typical bewildering performance by LaMotta. A year previously he lost a lacklustre fight to Laurent at Montreal, but in between Jake dethroned Marcel Cerdan.

But now, with a championship belt around his middle, LaMotta was ready for an old acquaintance. And for twelve rounds Dauthille darted into a substantial lead. It was obvious that the title would change hands if Jake didn't wake up.

As the French-Canadians in Laurent's rooters at Detroit said, "Our friend is going to win the world's championship, it looks so, eh?"

All of a sudden Jake seemed to realize what was what. His left jab took on a stinging accuracy, and he began to cross over with his lethal right. . .thirteenth round, fourteenth round. Dauthille was wheezing now, he was hurt and in desperate shape.

In the fifteenth and last round LaMotta came on like gangbusters. There possibly were fifteen seconds left when he sent Dauthille sprawling on the floor, absolutely done in. Yes, the scores revealed that he would have lost if the fight had gone the limit.

Many of Jake's fights left an aroma. Billy Fox (the smelliest), Robert Villemain, Norman Hayes all looked very strange. But no one ever thinks of Dauthille without the highest praise for Jake.

Dipping deeply into history, one comes across another for-

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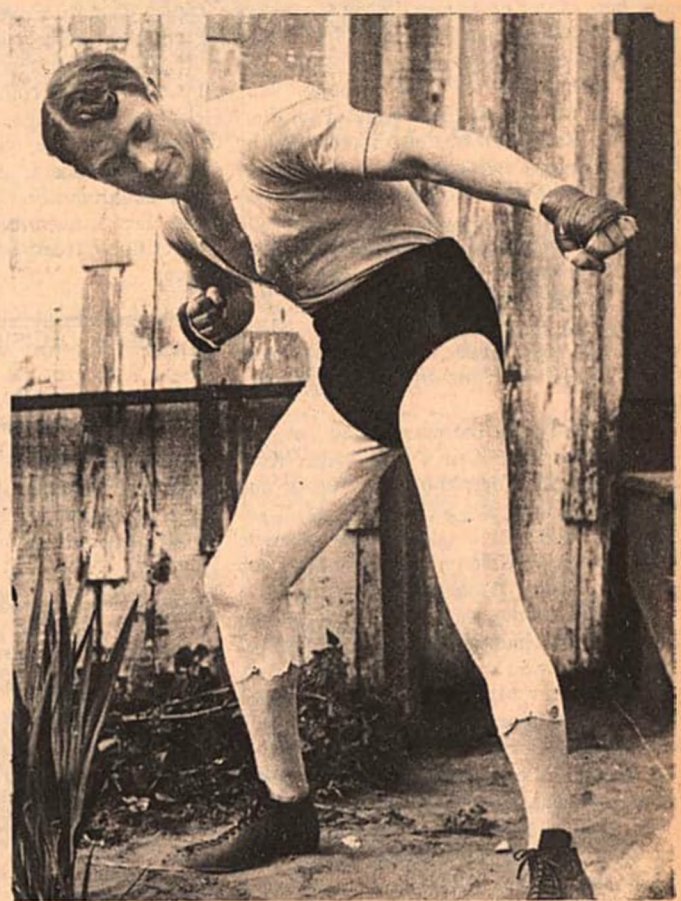

Stanley Ketchel, too, etched a masterpiece in the annals of last minute comebacks in his bout against Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Ketchel KO'd O'Brien with slightly less than ten seconds to go in the fight. The date, March 26, 1909. Because the bell rang during the count, the fight was called "no decision."

SAM TAUB FETED AT 90

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the "New York Times" sports staff, and NBC sportscaster Lenny Dillon. Lou Jallos, former boxing star and referee, came all the way by plane from Michigan for the festivities. Lester Bromberg, of the "New York Post," was having a ball.

The class of the party will be indicated by the roster of those present by invitation. Surrogate Nat R. Sobel; Supreme Court Judge Martin M. Potoker, who made the presentation speech to Taub. Sam's doctor, William L. Kahan; Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital, Charles Gellman, and Tom Moore, of Roosebelt Hospital also Rudy Riska, Athletic Director Downtown A.C.

THE RING staff was there in its entirety.

The garden was well represented by Harry Markson, Teddy Brenner, Duke Stefano and Mary Connolly.

The State Athletic Commission was present. Besides Floyd Patterson, there were Deputy Frank Morris with his wife, Mabel, Deputy Marvin Kohn and Secretary to Commissioner James A. Farley, Rose Lewis, and her husband, Harry.

From the banking world came pals of Sam's, Harold Ott and wife, Mary, Billy Rowe and wife, Betty, Taub's Marine Park neighbors, and Ken Larsen. There were boxing personalities and referees like Ruby Goldstein and Tony Perez. Al Reid and others from RING #8 came to honor Taub including Mickey & Rose Katz. Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 was also represented by Steve Riggio, twice victor over Rocky Graziano, and Sammy Markowitz, Brooklyn's Community major, not to overlook Jimmy O'Connor and wife Cookie and Harry Stickevers, former standout in the boxing field. Sonny Early, Charles Folton, and Young Reo represented the famous SIBO sports folk from Staten Island. Allie Zach, Ossie's pal, well known in boxing, was there.

We cannot print the entire guest list, but among them were Sam's pals—Alex Koskowitz and his wife, Min, Jack Barrett and his spouse, and Jack Singer with his frau. And lest we forget a salute to the quartette who operate the Colony Restaurant for a job well done—Artie, Pinney, Phil and Nat.

It would hardly be fitting to close the story without mentioning the members of Sam's family who were there, and proud they were. Daughter Millie and son-in-law Noah Freedman; daughter Bunny and husband Jack Strausberg; son Harold and his wife, Ruth; son Joseph and his wife, Fran; their daughter Denise and her husband, Nickie Felicia; and great granddaughter Kim. Also Joe's daughter Joan and husband Mark Zaidel and cousins Jel and Flo Feinberg.

There were many telegrams received from absentees, among them from Gene Tunney, Murray and Bob Goodman, Ben Jeby, former middleweight king, and veteran fight judge Bill Recht. Also a telegram from Sam's Niece Miriam and husband Ben Berliner, who live in Florida, and a note of good luck from Viddy Breitbart.

In his sum up, Sam Taub made it clear that his connection with boxing never made him rich, but he has no regrets.

TENTH ROUND PUNCHES

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instance of a late finish. It happened 67 years ago in the dim past, when Stanley Ketchel, the mighty-punching middleweight, met Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, the light-heavyweight, in the old Pioneer Club in New York.

This was during the no-decision era and decisions were rendered by the newspapermen at ringside.

O'Brien was a favorite along Broadway. He had color, flash, personality. Ketchel had nothing but the old dynamite. Bets were made up and down the line.

It was scheduled for ten rounds, and that seemed up O'Brien's alley. He boxed, he moved. He was the master as Ketchel tried to drill home a killer. For six or seven rounds Ketchel encountered total discouragement.

Then he closed ground—and his punching improved. He was becoming hot. Somehow Ketchel was on target when they came to grips with ten seconds to go. He snapped in a left hook and a right hook and O'Brien fell on his back, his head in a corner resin box. It was a perfect combination and you could tell Jack wasn't getting up. But the round ended before the count was concluded. It was a puzzlement. Who won? Seven newsmen decided Ketchel won. But the New York Times, even then archly different, went for O'Brien. Ketchel had etched a masterpiece.

HEAIR DECISIONS TRUJILLO

By HARLAN HAAS

Corpus Christi, Texas — Jimmy Heair now fighting out of El Paso hammered out a unanimous 10-round decision over gutty Lorenzo (Boom Boom) Trujillo. It was a good fight all the way. An interesting battle for the onlookers. Heair and Trujillo weighed 138. In another 10, Porfirio (Blackie) Zamora, 135, Corpus Christi, scored his fourth straight knockout this year without a loss when he put the skids under Tino Falcon, 135, Corpus Christi, in round two. Zamora never looked better, and the veteran lightweight once again brought eh crowd to its feet with his pinpoint punching. John English, 147, Houston, won a hard fought six round decision over Sultan Salahadden, 146, San Antonio, in bruising battle. Victor Sid, 138, San Antonio, won a split decision from the lighter Luis (The Butcher) Valdez, 130, Corpus Christi, in a lively contest that had the crowd on their feet and at the end they tossed something like $30.00 into the ring in appreciation of the spirited battle. Aaron Young, 156, Houston, won a four round decision over Charles Rodriguez, 153, Corpus Christi.

▲Houston, Texas — Hugh Benbow, the 72-year old with the ideas and aggressiveness of a man 40 years younger, brought professional boxing back to the Sam Houston Coliseum, and some 2,000 odd fans showed up for his initial presentation. He introduced eight five round bouts banking on the fact that the public wanted action fast and furious. The complete show was well received and three of the eight fights saw the fans tossing money into the ring.

Darrell Brumley, 155, Cut 'n Shoot, made an auspicious pro debut by belting out Sultan Salahadden, 150, San Antonio, into dreamland in the second round.

Tommy Collins, 215, Houston, got off the deck twice in the first round to deck stiff punching Vernon Johnson, 212, Beaumont, three times in the second to win the abbreviated, but spine tingler of a brawl. What a titanic struggle these two big guys waged.

Sweet Raymond Boyd, 156, Houston, was dropped in the second round, but stormed back to win a rowdy slugfest from the much taller, heavier Robert Perry, 162, Houston. A typical back-alley brawl for Sweet Raymond, the infamous Pink Panther.

Tony Rivera, 122, Houston, and Phil Howard, 126, Shreveport, waged a fast and furious fight that saw a lot of give and take and the draw met with the approval of the vociferous gathering.

John English, 145, Spring Branch, captured his fifth consecutive pro start by stretching Tony Alavez, 142, Monterrey, for the count in the opening round. English tosses punches in bunches and is a willing mixer.

Lupe Halalilo, 170, Tonga, stopped Peter Francis, 175, Beaumont, in the fifth and final round.

Victor Sid, 138, San Antonio, stopped Eddie Mitchell, 143, Beaumont, in the fourth round.

Ronnie Adams, 147, Ft. Worth, made an auspicious pro debut by outboxing experienced Red Garcia, 147, San Antonio, in five rounds. Adams left an outstanding amateur carrer behind and bears watching.

▲Houston, Texas — Promoter Hugh Benbow treated the public to another all action show consisting of eight five round bouts. Some 2,200 screaming fans showed their appreciaion of the short battles that were son intense that many of the onlookers yelled themselves into hoarseness. In as exciting a back-alley brawl as you would ever want to see Darrell Brumley, 153, Cut 'n Shoot, and Cary Bradshaw, 161, New Orleans, took turns rocking each other all night. A true rockem-sockem, you hit me and I'll hit you type of war, that left the wildly cheering throng limp at the finish. Both fighters hit the deck during the fierce slugfest. Brumley got the decision and the crowd tossed money into the ring for several minutes, and the seconds had a field day gathering in the loot which was divied between the two fighters.

In another brutal five rounder, veteran Tommy Collins, 220, Houston, edged Vernon Johnson, 210, Beaumont, in a fast paced bout. Collins started fast as if he intended to end hostilities in the opening round, but Johnson withstood the hail of leather and shook his head to come back for more. Johnson came on strong with a rally in the last two rounds, but closed too late.

Lupe Halililo, 165, Tonga, won a close one from Charles (Baby Bull) Cook, 160, in a battle of strong guys.

Ronnie Adams, 150, Ft. Worth, needed just 50 seconds of round one to turn the toes of Oscar Balderas, 152, San Antonio, to the rafters for the night. It was a sleep producing number, and the ref could have counted to 50 seconds without Balderas arising which is how long the battle lasted.

Phil Howard, 128, Ft. Worth, stopped Lewis Rico, 124, San Antonio, in the fifth round.

Al Davila, 163, San Antonio, finished off Chris Rollins, 165, Port Arthur, in the fourth.

Salvador DeLeon, 140, Houston, edged Tom Pinner, 144, Beaumont, in an exciting contest. DeLeon, a hard puncher was hitting the comeback trail, and Pinner who has gone 10 rounds this year wasn't able to get untracked in the short fight.

John English, 145, Spring Branch, won his six start in a row by copping a five round brawl from Renaldo Garcia, 147, Piedras Negras.

▲Corpus Christi, Texas — Termite Watkins, Houston, was the better boxer and emerged the winner over Rocky Ramon, San Antonio, in an action packed 12-round fight. With the decision went the Texas lightweight crown. Both fighters came in at 135.

Porfirio (Blackie) Zamora, 135, Corpus Christi, won his fifth straight knockout of the year by tipping over highly respected Jimmy Martinez, 138, Monterrey, in the fifth round. Veteran boxing people who have followed the career of Zamora say that he is a better fighter today than ever before.

▲FIGHT TALK: Mike Lanum, veteran heavyweight from Cleveland, Ohio, all set to hit the comeback trail. The likeable Lanum who stands 6-4 tips the beam at 220 which is almost fighting weight for him. Talked to Mike at the fights in Houston and he asked about Dave Zyglewicz, Karl Zurheide, and Billy Marquart all part of the "Want Ad Warrior" group who along with himself boxed on a local amateur team and later turned pro . . . Melvin Mott the clever light-heavy recently won an important fight in Chicago, and would like to mingle with any of the world's top 175-pounders . . . Cookie Wallace, double tough Dallas heavy, has played a big part in helping George Foreman prepare for recent big fights. Wallace and Big George go after it in sparring sessions and Wallace is a big Foreman booster . . . Kenny Weldon, the Texas featherweight boss, is 49-4-1 as a pro, and has not lost a fight since 1972. That's over four years without a setback. How about it Ruben Olivares — the fight was almost made for Los Angeles in recent months . . . Bad Ike Fluellen the Fighting Policeman is preparing for a series of important fights and the Houston 160-pounder could surprise against any of the biggies of the division . . . Willie Warren, the muscular shorty from Corpus Christi, recently made a big hit at the Los Angeles Olympic when he lost a very very close one to Mike Nixon. The exciting Warren is always in demand and he gives the best in the world a run for their money . . . A heavyweight who bears watching is Joe McNeeley the former Little All American football player at Louisiana Tech. McNeeley built along the lines of a tank at 5-11 and 222 pounds is pulling in huge crowds at Benbow's Gym, 918 Congress, Houston, Texas, as an amateur. Every Wednesday night is amateur fight night in the gym and it is not uncommon to see 400 fans setting in on the action . . . Two youngsters going great guns down Corpus Christi way are Silverio (Sil) Martinez and Luis (The Butcher) Valdez . . . Boxing lost two good people down this way in recent months. Roxy Kalo, a veteran fight trainer known the country over, passed away in July. Roxy at one time or another trained Tod Herring, Paul Jorgensen, Rip Randall, Manny Gonzalez, Jeff Davis, and worked with the late Perry Payne in training his stable that included Dave Zyglewicz. The writer recalls Roxy as one of his first friends in boxing. Roxy never forgot several grips to Honolulu and only recnetly talked of his friendship with Sad Sam Ichinose — Roxy had Manny Gonzalez and Rip Randall in Honolulu against Stan Harrington. The writer didn't know Jack Goldy well, but he was one of boxing's old guard. Jack lived in Corpus Christi, and like Roxy Kalo he passed away the victim of a heart attack. The game will miss them both.

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Lou Fontana as he appeared in 1920. Lou was a rated featherweight fighting out of Brooklyn.

OUR late Five Star General Douglas McArthur, in a speech never to be forgotten, said that "Old Soldiers never die, they just pass away." We were reminded of the famous quote as it applies to one time outstanding men of the boxing game. Comparisons may be odious, but we couldn't help but think of the unsung boxing heroes whose relatives never forget them or let others forget who they are.

Lou Fontana, a popular little featherweight out of Brooklyn back on 1916, was rated in RING MAGAZINE as #8 in the 1920's. The story of Lou Fontana is one of fantasy. A hero from the days he fought in the Mexican rebellion to two major wars, in which he distinguished himself with glory and received many decorations.

New Yorkers knew him well as he engaged in many skirmishes in local rings and met many of the top notchers, including several who at one time were champions. His ring record shows 73 pro fights, winning 34 on kayos, 20 by decisions and 15 draws. The records show he lost three decisions and one technical kayo due to an eye cut.

We remember seeing him in action. He was a spitfire. But he was a terror as a member of Uncle Sam's fighting Army. He was only sixteen when he found himself tangled up in World War I and later on in World War II. (He was with the Second Division.) After the war Fontana became a lover of the West and also later in his career became a popular referee.

What we've written about Fontana is nothing. It hardly begins to scratch the surface, but his folks have vivid memories of his accomplishments and extol the virtues of this unsung hero who is no longer with us. Lou was a fighting gamecock. Lou Fontana was a great little ring man and a standout in World Wars. Thanks, Ms. Karen Chambers, for recalling the life history of the departed Lou Fontana who passed away in 1965.

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A sketch of a fine man in the boxing game, Syd Martin:

Over forty years in boxing. Track was his first love. The late heavyweight king Jack Johnson was his first boxing tutor. Has worked with many of our boxing standouts such as Emile Griffith, ex-welter and middleweight champion; Joe Louis; Chalky Wright; Robert Duran; Muhammad Ali; Randy Sandy; Floyd Patterson and George Foreman. Also worked with the late Oscar Bonavina.

Syd's further achievement in Cauliflower activities was the year he successfully brought out five champions in the Golden Gloves. Trained three of the candidates on the 1952 olympic team: Edson Brown, Chico Rollins and Floyd Patterson.

Syd has been part and parcel of boxing for many years and a fine asset to the sport. When last seen at the late Bobby Gleason's Gym, Syd had good prospects under his wing like Greg Johnson, Kevin Isaacs, C.J. Bar Brown, Horace Robinson and Larry Stanton, to mention a few.

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Speaking of people in boxing who have made themselves felt outside of the actual fighting circle reminded us of the story of Moe Pardi, of Astoria, as recently chronicled by our pal Lou O'Neill, in the Long Island Press. Moe, as the story goes, was not only a fan, but he also became part of the action. Pardi was one of a clan like Hilda Chester used to be when the Dodgers were playing baseball in Ebbets Field. She was a side attraction. It seems Pardi played a counterpart, and the fight fans used to look for him at the old Queensboro Arena. Somehow or other, O'Neill, who covered boxing, became a close friend of Pardi's and the two went together to the Queensboro, Garden and other arenas. But Pardi's luck finally ran out, according to O'Neill, when he suffered an attack of laryngitis. Pardi, a resident of Astoria, L.I., for 50 years passed away at the age of 66. Make no mistake, our pal Lou O'Neill doesn't deal in fantasies. He told it as it was—Moe Pardi was quite a guy and he loved boxing.

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Some months ago in our "Up and Down Broadway" column, we ran a piece on Jack Barrett, who really has been the man of all trades in boxing—from fighter to manager, trainer, big time matchmaker, his last post being with Madison Square Garden when it was at 50th St. Barrett, who was born in Harlem, has been affiliated with the game since 1922, a bantam, who started as amateur and then turned pro.

His affiliations with boxing clubs is a long drawn out one. Besides his fine job as matchmaker for Madison Square Garden, he was with many other clubs. Besides the Garden, he was affiliated with the St. Nick's, the Queensboro Arena, New Haven Arena, Sunnyside, L.I., Springsfield, Massachusetts, Buffalo, N.Y. Coliseum, Teaneck, N.J. Armory, Sterling Oval, Bronx, Star Casino. O.K.'d the late Dick Tiger's fight with Joey Giardella in Atlantic City, when the champ lost his crown.

Jack managed many fighters and was associated with Alex Koskowitz when he had that fine light heavyweight, Doug Jones. Others in whom he was interested were Harry Balsamo, the fighting Bynemar, Al Roth, Chester Rico, Augie Arellano, George "Wildcat" Henry and Tami Mauriello.

Jack and his wife, Bertha, who is affiliated with the Columbia Medical Center, are now living in Yonkers.

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Many of the veterans in boxing will remember Artie Rose, a great little trainer who was around in the Tony Canzoneri days, and later moved to California. Just received word from his wife, Bertha, from Santa Monica, California, that he passed away from a heart attack on August 1. Rose, whose real monicker was Rosenbaum, was a top notch trainer in his era, having trained Tony Canzoneri, Billy Patrolle, Lou Salica and Harry Ebbets, among other greats of his time. We who knew Artie Rose remember when he decided to train Petrolle after being with Tony Canzoneri, and what a fine little man

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SAOUL MAMBY

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brother, who ran a tourist bus on the island. Saoul became a guide on these bus trips. He also made his pro debut that year in Kingston on September 13. He defeated Roy Goss over six rounds.

1970 saw Memby return home to New York to box his first professional bout in this country. He outpointed Henry Ocasio over six, on June 2. He went undefeated in his first seven bouts, winning five, drawing twice. His first loss as a pro was to Jose Peterson on March 31, 1971, in New York City. He lost an eight round nod. Saoul stated, "I was robbed."

During 1971 he boxed a draw with Johnny Harp, and a draw and win with Benny Huertas. He also beat Willie Daniels and Doc McClendon and drew with Edwin Viruet. The Viruet draw was a tough one. "I hurt him bad in the last four rounds and cut him up," Mamby remembers. He was a cab driver in those days, and did little or no road work. This hurt him and taught him a lesson.

Mamby went down to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for three fights. He lost to Hector Matta once and Victor Ortiz, twice. Mamby says, "They billed me as a Puerto Rican, but it didn't help in either Ortiz bouts. I beat him twice, and the local officials still gave him the fights. There was a big riot after the first one, that's how I got the rematch.

"The first Matta defeat was really the first time I felt I lost. I beat him in a return, but again the local judges in Puerto Rico gave him the nod.

I boxed Dominican Chris Fernandez twice, once in 1973, in Miami Beach, when he did beat me, and then in New York in 1974. Again I got the short end of the decision.

"Another night I got the business was against Tim Walker in Landover, Maryland. They cut the bout from a 10 to an 8 rounder because it was on after the main go and it was late. I had him hurt in the eighth, and the referee gave him a standing count. One more round and I would have knocked him out. The decision, of course, Walker.

"I am now managed by a great man in boxing, Mr. Paul Mitrano, a New England car dealer, one of the biggest in the U.S.A. Since I have been with him I've boxed Harold Weston in Madison Square Garden, Nani Marrero and Robert Duran in Miami Beach, Percy Hayles in Kingston, Jamaica, and the late Chuck Wilburn in St. Paul, Minnisota. I won three of those matches, lost one and drew one."

"The toughest fight I have had to date was Duran. He could really hit, but I went the distance with him and gave a good account of myself. The smartest fighter I've been in with was the late Chuck Wilburn.

"I feel this year will be my big year. I am a world ranked junior welterweight, and am at a weight where I feel strong, but I still can make 135 if Duran wants another go with me. I want to win the world title and make a lot of money to help my family and my four year old son, Saoul, Jr."

Mamby, who has never been off his feet and who is learning to punch better all the time, having kayoed two out of his last three opponents, may just realize his dream.

DOWNEY-BOUCHARD DECISION ANNULLED

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal . . . . After a ring absence of some fifteen months Dave Downey, former Canadian middleweight champion returned to ring action with his opponent being Gerald Bouchard (Montreal) in a scheduled ten. Despite the fact that Downey was beginning to show signs of ring rust, the bout after five rounds had been rather even. Early in the sixth round, after both men had exchanged blows, they clinched on the ropes, and to the surprise of the some 1,500 fans on hand, both boxers fell from the ring to the concrete floor. Downey was the first to hit the floor and he cushioned the fall for Bouchard, who landed on top of the Halifix boxer. Bouchard managed to return to the ring unaided, Downey was flat on the concrete obviously in pain. Referee Rosario Baillargeon awarded the bout to Bouchard on a T.K.O. The following day the Montreal Athletic Commission reviewed the bout, and as no blow had been struck by either boxer at the time of the accidental fall from the ring, they reversed the decision to a NO CONTEST, and both men have been rematched to appear in Halifax scheduled for late September.

The opening six rounder on the card was by far the best bout on the card which saw Daniel Levesque (Montreal) win a unanimous decision over a fellow Montrealer, Rick Zarbatany. This was a thrilling middleweight bout, and in winning his 25th straight bout, Levesque showed the poise, class and ability which stamps him as a future National champion.

Over ten rounds Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) had absolutely no opposition from Manny Freitas (Lowell, Massachusetts) who has not won a fight since August 1971. Referee Nick Nicholo rightly halted the charade and carnage at 2.53 of the third round.

Joe Huston (Lowell, Massachusetts), with a 7-22-2 record, should have stayed home instead of going in with Marshall Butler (Montreal). Again this was another very bad piece of match making with the local boys being set up with 'patsies' to the disgust of the fans. Referee Guy Jutras halted the bout in the fourth round in Butler's favor.

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*Title Vacant
1—George Foreman, Houston, Texas
2—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
5—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
7—Howard Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Johnny Boudreaux, Houston, Texas
9—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
10—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
2—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
3—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
4—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
5—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
7—Mike Rossman, Turnesville, N.J.
8—Vonzell Johnson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
9—Tony Greene, Miami, Fla.
10—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2—Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
3—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
7—Karl Vinson, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Johnny Baldwin, Houston, Texas
10—Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Gene Wells, Orlando, Fla.
2—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
3—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
4—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
5—Anthony House, Winston-Salem, N.C.
6—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
7—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
8—Perry Abner, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Mike Baker, Washington D.C.
10—Tony Gardner, Oklahomat City, Okla.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Peter Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
2—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
4—Miguel Barreto, New York, N.Y.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
7—Floyd Mayweather, Detroit, Mich.
8—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
10—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
4—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
5—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Art Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Tim Walker, Washington D.C.
9—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
10—Santiago Valdez, Chicago, Ill.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
3—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.
4—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
7—Lou Bizzaro, Erie, Pa.
8—Pat Dolan, New York, N.Y.
9—John Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
10—Carlos Becerril, Los Angeles, Cal.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
2—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
3—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
4—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
5—Reuben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
6—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
7—Rudy Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
8—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
9—Ricky Gutierrez, San Antonio, Texas
10—Jimmy Lopez, Lawrence, Mass.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Title Vacant
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
3—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
4—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
7—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
9—Roy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Gaby Cantrera, San Antonio, Texas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Ignacio Osornio, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
8—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
9—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
10—Jeff Chandler, Phialdelphia, Pa.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Paz Mena, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—David Romahlo, Lowell, Mass.
10—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas

* Due to upcoming U.S. Championship Tournament, titles are vacant as of this issue.

RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

There aren't too many of the real "old' timers" left in the boxing business. JOE HERMAN, co-owner of the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM in San Francisco, is one of the "real old time fight guys" still in existence, and doing quite well for himself. At the tender age of 75 years, JOE is still mighty active in boxing. HERMAN lives in San Francisco, and just recently went to Miami, Florida, to visit old friend CARLOS CAMBRA, former bosing promoter and fight manager from Panama. JOE was received with royalty by Miami Beach fight promoter CHRIS DUNDEE—wined and dined—and came back to Frisco, with two gladiators under contract—ALFONSO "PEPPERMINT" FRAZIER, 142 pounder, and former Jr. welterweight champ ANTONIO AMAYA, a 130 pounder.They will soon be displaying their fistic wares in California rings under the JOE HERMAN banner. Upon his return to Frisco, HERMAN immediately headed for Butte, Montana, via Tacoma, Seattle, Washington, Salt Lake City, Utah, in a camper, no less, with former professional wrestler GEORGE POPOVICH at the helm. Talk about active at a late age—Yes, JOE HERMAN is still a mighty active "old time fight guy," for sure!! God Bless you, JOE. . . . Not too much fistic action around Tampa, Florida, but JOE BRADY, who does the match-making duties in that area, informs this corner that with an assist from LOU VISCUSI and ANGELO DUNDEE—(they have the fighters under contract)—he can put together some really great matches for this coming winter season in that southern city (Where did the summer go?) LOU GROSS, one of the worlds top fight trainers and teachers of boxing now based at Miami Beach, via Chicago, says the best left hookers of all time were RAY MILLER, CHARLIE WHITE and BILLY PETROLLE, the old "Fargo Express," who was managed by old buddy, the late DEACON JACK HURLEY, and who can agrue with LOU, he's seen them all? A "name" to remember in the great Northwest today is heavyweight IBAR ARRINGTON. He's fast making the fight fans around Seattle and thereabouts forget BOONE KIRKMAN, who was dubbed for stardom, but never quite seem to make it all the way. . . . Miss DIANA SYVERSON, who's actually a welterweight in Los Angeles, is a bricklayer when she isn't boxing. . . . Three ex-fighters are parking cars at Les Follies night club in Miami—they are CARLOS HERNANDEZ, JUAN ACALIXTO and bossman HUGO GOMEZ. . . . While around Miami Beach

California welterweight comer Pete Ranzany, who has been a consistent winner, is looking to make his big move soon.

took a peek at former welter champ LUIS RODRIGUEZ. He now tips the Fairbanks at 212 pounds—and his former stablemate—JIMMY ELLIS told me recently— "Now I can fight LUIS, he's a heavyweight" Just kidding of course!! WILFREDO BENITEZ, the high school fistic phenomenon and Jr. Welter champ, W.B.A. version, meets ANTONIO CERVANTES of Columbia in December, in Puerto Rico, in their long awaited return match. . . . Congratulations to Canadian lightweight socker GAETAN HART on taking his matrimonial vows with beautiful LYNNE CHARBENEAU. HART is managed by former Canuck boxing champ VERN STEVENSON, and has already fought two world champions and several ranking contenders in his young boxing career. . . . When GENE WELLS and VINNIE CURTO met in Orlando, Florida, they had two of the best minds in the boxing game in their respective corners; WELLS had DOM POLO and CURTO had ANGELO DUNDEE. Whose strategy would pay off? In all fairness, ANGELO had CURTO, who is short and stocky, and not the boxer that GENE is; Hence, the winner was WELLS, but ANGELO DUNDEE did a masterful job with VINNIE CURTO, who I don't think will go any farther up the fistic ladder. . . . ART RAMALHO, owner of the West End Gym in Lowell, Massachusetts, has four (4) young pros under his watchful eye, including his son, DAVID, at 110 pounds. . .but the kid I like for the future is IRISH MATT ROSS, a 175 pounder with a sock in either duke and a lot of ring savvy already. I was impressed with this kid when he was an amateur early this year. He is unbeaten since joining the "punch for pay" ranks. . . . BABE GRIFFIN, Sacramento, California, boxing promoter is looking to make "his move" with his welterweight comer PETE RANZANY, who has been a very consistent winner in California rings. . . . ART HAFEY and DANNY LOPEZ drew $92,658 at the Forum Boxing Club in Inglewood, California, and would have drawn more money if the baseball game—Los Angeles, vs- Cincinnati—was not on the same night as the fight-. . . .BOBBY O'DOWD recently signed a five year contract to manage CHRIS FERNANDEZ, who BOBBY figures can go a long way in this business. On his first trip to the west coast with FERNANDEZ, however, CHRIS was stopped by up and coming PETE RANZANY—Maybe their luck will change. . . .Big John Tate, who was knocked out by Cuba's TEOFILO STEVENSON in the Montreal Olympics, is back driving a trash truck in Knoxville, Tennessee, and making plans to turn pro soon. . .ditto for several others who performed for the U.S. . . . SMOKIN JOE, INC., is fast becoming a gym to be reckoned with in and a round Philadelphia. It consists of JOE FRAZIER, GEORGE BENTON and EDDIE FUTCH—and they sure have a knack for developing fistic talent. The star of the stable is WILLIE "THE WORM" MONROE, but co-trainer GEORGE BENTON (himself a top ranked middleweight a few years ago) tells me that they have 10 other kids that are potentially great—we'll see—they sure will bear watching in the future. . . .Former heavyweight contender JERRY QUARRY will return to the ring wars. He has signed for a few fights under the DON KING banner. . . .TONY ZALE, former great middleweight champion, is chief boxing inspector for the Chicago Park District and doing really well. . . .A lot of fight folks are saying that CARLOS ZARATE is the best fighter, pound for pound, in the world today—and the just may be right at that. . . .PAT O'GRADY back at his old stand, the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Oklahoma City, with boxing the first and third Tuesday of each month . . .with his son, SEAN, a crack bantamweight featured on some of the cards. . . .ROLLIE SCHWARTZ, National AAU Boxing Chairman and boss of the successful U.S.A. team at the Olympics, stepped down, and DR. MAX NOVICH, the hard working ring physician who trains kids at his gym in East Orange, New Jersey, is the dark horse candidate for the job—a good choice by the committee. . . .JIMMY ISELIN switched from fighters (he had a piece of BUSTER MATHIS) to horses—Obtained a license to train in New Jersey and has a stable of ten horses. . . .When HARRY WARREN ar-

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ECHEGARAY KO'S RUIZ IN 10

By SIMON BROCHENBERG AND ALFREDO PORZIO

▲**Cordoba:** In the light junior class Julio C. Andrada and Alberto Castillo drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the light division Oscar Alvarenga beat Marciano Tura in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** Ramon Allende whipped Americo Abalos in 10. They are welters.

▲**Mendoza:** Manuel Gonzalez beat Rudecindo Chavez by a TKO in 5th (middles). Juan de Dios Acosta kayoed Miguel Angel Alaniz in 8th (lights); Modesto Gomez and Omar Almada drew in 8 (feathers) and in the light class Luis Contreras beat Alberto Flores in 8.

▲**Tunuyan:** In the lightheavy class Alfredo Cruz outpointed Roberto Sombra in 6.

▲**Bariloche:** In the welter Jr. class Hector "Yeye" Hernandez decisioned Juan Jose Gimenez in 10. In the same weight Miguel Toledo won Nestor Vittadini in 10.

▲**Lobos:** Hector Altamirano beat Juan Hauscarriaga by a TKO in 9th (medical decision). They are lightheavies.

▲**Neuquen:** In the light class Omar J. Barrios beat Miguel A. Gutierrez in 10 rounds.

▲**General Roca:** Luis Moyano and Jose "Quique" Valdez drew in 10 (lights;.

▲**Plaza Huincul:** In the feather class Omar Canale decisioned Pedro Telles in 10.

▲**Concordia:** Ex-Argentine middle champion Juan C. Bogado and Camilo Gaitan drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Reconquista:** In the feather division Pablo Lencinas beat Argelino Gonzalez by a TKO in five.

▲**America:** Undefeated and good prospect in the middle Jr. class Fredo H. Cabral beat Alejandro Garcia by a TKO in four.

▲**General Pico:** In the welter division Juan B. Cabral outpointed Omar Zarza in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring and in the middle class Cesar Duarte outpointed Luis Salvini.

▲**Formosa:** Angel "Mini" Zalazar whipped Miguel A. Lovera (They are flys).

▲**Bahia Blanca:** Argentine heavy champion Raul Gorosito beat Antonio Musladino in 12 rounds and retained his crown.

On the same night Pablo "Clay" Sarmiento (heavy) beat Raul Rodriguez by a TKO in second round.

▲**Cordoba:** In the middle class Hugo Corro beat Roberto Marziali by a TKO in nine.

▲**Rosario:** In the Jr. middle class Octavio Escauriza beat Ramon Felman by a TKO in six.

▲**San Salvador de Jujuy:** In the heavy division Juan C. Sosa decisioned Joe Navarro in 10.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** Juan M. Zuniga beat Juan S. Garcia by a TKO in seven. They are welters.

▲**San Luis:** In the light class good prospect Abraham Valenzuela outpointed Juan "Pamperito" Olivera in 10 rounds. In the welter class Raul Castro and Jorge Paez drew in 8 rounds.

▲**Rio Cuarto:** For the local vacant bantam Title Hugo Emer kayoed Hugo Aguilera in 10th round.

▲**Bariloche:** Acnoldo "Pato" Aguero outpointed Gilberto Lopez (Uruguay fly champion) in 10 rounds.

▲**Plaza Huincul:** In the lightheavy class Luis Revello beat Carlos Sosa by a TKO in 8th round.

▲**Arrecifes:** In the light class Carlos Grinovero and Carlos Barrera drew in 3rd round (Medical decision).

▲**LA RIOJA:** In the feather class Ruben Butiler beat Eduardo Vergara in 10.

▲**Reconquista:** I the lightheavy division Hugo Obregon beat Virgilio Fernandez by a TKO in six.

▲**Pehuajo:** Lorenzo Fernandez kayoed Mario Fierro in five. They are welters.

▲**Huinca Renanco:** Argentine fly champion Rofolfo Rodriguez decisioned Alberto Martin in 10 —Non title bout—.

▲**La Plata:** Romualdo Agramonte beat Antonio Burgos in 8. (feathers)

▲**Villa Mercedes:** In the welter Jr. division Hector Quinteros and Simon Escobar drew in 8 rounds.

▲**Canada de Gomez:** In the middle division Antonio Lopez beat Pedro Beron by a TKO in nine round.

▲**Malagueno:** In the Jr. welter class Oscar Frias beat Leon Montes in 10.

▲**Trenque Lauquen:** In the welter division Walter Gomez outpointed Miguel Angel Fernandez in 10.

▲**Villa Maria:** Miguel Figueroa and Gregorio Villavicencio drew in 10. They are lights.

▲**Bariloche:** In the welter division Juan J. Perez decisioned Leonardo Chazarreta in 10.

▲**Rio Mini:** Jose L. Villanueva beat Mario Puerto by a TKO in fourth round. They are lights.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the lightheavy division Ramon Cerrezuela outpointed Raul Loyola in 10 rounds.

▲**Gualeguay:** In the light junior class Ramon Gonzalez decisioned Raul Colombo in 10.

▲**Salto Argentino:** Orlando Frecini beat Emilio Haedo in 8. (light)

▲**Armstrong:** In the welter class Rene Campos beat Luis Sosa in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring and in the welter division Ramon Allende and Carlos "Sapito" Alvarez (Uruguay champion) drew in 10.

▲**San Juan:** In the middle junior division Miguel Angel Castellini beat Juan C. Artaza in 10 rounds.

Luis Acosta beat Antonio Molina (Lights) (In Esperanza City).

▲**Villa Maria:** Daniel Garcia beat Antonio Capdevila by a TKO in seventh round. They are Jr. welters.

▲**Rosario:** Armando Bustos, in the light class, outpointed Julio Campagna in 12 rounds and won the local title.

▲**San Pedro:** In the lightheavy class Guillermo Aguirrezabala beat Armando Lescano by a TKO in five.

▲**Salta:** In the Jr. welter division Romulo Ibarra decisioned Ceferino Morale in 10.

▲**Pergamino:** Undefeated in the Jr. middle class, Jose M. Flores Burlon beat Juan Santos Paz by a TKO in eight.

▲**Bariloche:** Hector "Yeye" Hernandez whipped Hector Caceres by points in 10 rounds. They are Jr. welters.

▲**General Roca:** In the fly class Carlos Escalante outpoints Mario Rebollo in 10.

▲**Catamarca:** Cirilo Ruiz and Marciano Tura drew in 10. They are lights.

▲**Trelew:** In the feather class Juan D. Malvarez kayoed Miguel Escobares in five.

▲**Villa Mercedes:** In the welter division Rogelio Zarza decisioned Francisco Lopez in 10.

▲**Villaguay:** Middles: Andres Olmedo beat Juan "Capilla" Cardozo in 10.

▲**Ordonez:** In the welter division Juan C. Salomon and Juan C. Barrios drew in 2 rounds by a medical decision.

▲**Carmen de Patagones:** In the middle class Raul A. Paez beat Alfredo Cicopiedi in 10 rounds.

▲**La Manuelia:** In the feather division Pedro Telles beat Luis Lobos Ruiz in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Tercero:** In the welter class Raul Venerdini decisioned Rafael Zalazar in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Lunu Park ring and in the light class Jorge "Polvorita" Gomez outpointed ex-Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba:** In the Jr. middle class undefeated Raul Porcel de Peralta beat Roque Roldan in 10 rounds. In the same class Oscar Aguero beat Miguel Moyano in 6.

▲**Cruz del Eje:** Jr. Welters: Julio C. Quevedo beat Ernesto Barrionuevo in 10.

▲**Realico:** Justino Heredia beat Santiago "Sapito" Lopez in 10 (Lights).

▲**Parana:** In the lightheavy class Roberto Aguilar outpointed Ivan Rojas in 10 rounds.

▲**Coronel Pringles:** In the welter division Omar Carcamo whipped Cesar Peirano in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring and in the fly class Raul "Nico" Perez outpointed Carlos Leyes in 10.

▲**Cordoba:** In the bantam class Argentine champion Julio C. Saba beat Gilberto Lopez (Uruguay fly champion) in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba:** In the same night Raul "Pato" Aguero and Manuel Andrada drew in 8. They are bantams.

▲**Capitan Bermudez:** In the light class Oscar Alvarenga beat Luis Gerez by a disqualification in eight rounds.

▲**Arrecifes:** In the fly class Angel Louis Fernandez (Spain) beat Luis Gerez in 10 rounds.

▲**Arroyito:** In the light class Oscar Albarracin outpointed Pedro Torres in 10 rounds.

▲**Villa Maria:** Hugo Quartapelle outpointed Carlos Gomez in 10 (Welters).

▲**Mendoza:** Argentine feather champion Benicio Sosa and Enrique T. Aguero drew in 10. Non Title bout. Hector Navarro and Jorge Paez drew in 8. They are Jr. welters.

▲**Tres Arroyos:** In the fly class No. 1 in the Argentine Official Rating Miguel A. Lazarte beat Reyaldop Romero in 10 rounds.

▲**Rio Tercero:** In the fly class Ramon Soria outpointed Ruben Pasero in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires:** At the Luna Park ring and in the light division Mario "Cirujano" Ortiz decisioned Miguel Maldonado in 10 rounds.

▲**Rosario:** In the welter division Carlos Villalba beat Raul Sosa in 10 rounds.

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the welter division Juan J. Gimenez whipped Carlos Jofre in 10 rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Undefeated and hard puncher in the Jr. middle class Alfredo H. Cabral beat Andres Olmedo by a TKO in third round.

▲**Salta:** Ramon Allende kayoed Antonio Comaschi in second rounds (Lights).

▲**Rio Hondo:** In the welter class veteran Anibal Di Lella beat Orlando Miranda in eight round.

▲**Buenos Aires:** Argentine and South America light Jr. champion Victor Echegaray beat Cirilo Ruiz by a TKO in eight (Non title bout).

▲**Mar del Plata:** In the lightheavy division Ramon Cerrezuela outpointed Mario Tosto in 10 rounds.

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OLD BROADWAY

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he was . . . Artie's widow, Mrs. Arthur L. Rosenbaum, resides at 1255 Princeton St., Apt. 206, Santa Monica, Calif. She'd like to hear from her husband's friends.

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Al Reid's Ring #8 Veteran Boxers' Association again honored two former members at a recent meeting. One of them was Nickie Gerard, now residing in Corona, N.Y. The other, Willie Felice, a great little fighter who is associated with the Carrione stable of gladiators, which includes middleweight star Vito Antuofermo.

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A lot of foreign mail arrived during the past few months. Our friend from Germany, Günter Trautner, wrote about the 71st birthday of ex-heavyweight king Max Schmeling, on September 18, who is still the #1 sports figure in his country. . . . From Charles Fletcher, Swindon, Wilts, England, whose hobby is collecting autographs of ring greats. His collection dates back to James J. Corbett, in boxing, and George Hackenschmidt, in wrestling. . . . From John Davis, 14 James St., Grimsby South Humberside, DN 31-2JO-England, also a collector of photos of outstanding ring gladiators. He'd appreciate any American former ring stars sending him their pictures. Davis is a double amputee and would love American fighters to mail their pictures to him. He'd especially love a photo of the late Maxie Rosenbloom and one of ex-champion Nelia Bettina, another former American lightheavyweight king.

Also heard from Jackie 'Kid' Berg, ex-junior welterweight champion, who was 67 last June, who is still keen on coming back to America and trying to get into the TV profession. Not forgetting an interesting letter from Phil Brooks, who with his brother Kid Brooks, were among top notch bantams in Merry Old England. He was pleased with our story about their fellow Britisher, Kid Farlo, whom he last saw around 1930 when he and stablemate Moss boxed an exhibition. Spoke of a raw decision which prevented Farlo from becoming the bantam king. Wishing Farlo and his family good health and good luck in the years to come. The Brooks brothers came from Ald Gate.

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An apology to an old friend, Burgess "Snooks" Howard, whose ring story we lost and finally found. Burgess, who was close to the late Bobby Gleason, was always to be found at his 30th St. Gymnasium. Howard, who hailed from Charlotte, N.C., was a 131 pounder and did his ring work from 1946 to 1953. He scaled 131 pounds. A left hooker, "Snooks" was managed by Jerry White. Later became a famous trainer of dogs and a veterinarian. "Snooks's" specialty in the field of dog training are Shepherds and Doberman pinschers.

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Staten Islanders will remember Tony Malurro, who made quite a reputation for himself as one of the country's best fight fans for a quarter of a century. Manuro's boxing was confined to some action while in the service. He has made his wife a real fight fan, too. Staten Islanders who know the couple, sing their praises.

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Just as were signing off, we received a call from Bill "Moose" Miller, beloved veteran of the boxing game, telling us he was again hospitalized at the Methodist Hospital, in Brooklyn. Told us his old pal Andy Niederreiter, veteran manager and promoter of fistiana, is again back in a San Diego California.

MONTANA DIES IN PHILIPPINES

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Small Montana, former world champion in 1935 to 1937 died in his hometown La Carlota, Occidental Negros, August 4, 1976. He stayed in Manila for a few hours and went to La Carlota to visit his relatives. He suffered a heart attack. He was born February 24, 1913.

Montana, whose real name was Benjamin Zapanta Gan, arrived in America in 1931 and made an impressive record. He lost to Benny Lynch in 15 rounds in London in 1937. He was kayoed by Jackie Jurich in 1939 and his countryman Little Dado in the same year. Little Dado was proclaimed world flyweight champion by NBC. He beat Manuel Ortiz then a bantamweight contender in 1939.

It was his first visit to the Philippines since he left as a young boxer in 1931. He was a veteran of the Second world war and came to his native soil to die among his countrymen.

▲**Rolando Navarette,** 120 kayoed San Sacristan in the 7th round of a scheduled 10 round main event in Cebu City. Sacristan at 119¼ made a good fight but was knocked down in the end of the 7th and signaled the referee that he had enough. The career of Sacristan had come to an end.

▲**Donny Soriano,** 130 outpointed Philippine Junior Lightweight champion Ramon Elorde, 130 in 10 rounds in San Fernando, Pampanga. Soriano was in command from the 3rd and only the 5th was Elorde's best when he caught Soriano with solid rights to the jaw. Judges Cris Pineda and Danny Rodenas were for Soriano. Referee Larry Nadayag, likewise, had Soriano the winner.

▲**Bernabe Villacampo,** 113¾ stopped Ernie June, 114, in the 9th round before 5,000 fans at the Cebu Coliseum. Villacampo had made a successful come back trail. He was kayoed in the second round by Navarette and then fought Ben Aldeguer to a draw last April. Now he tried to show his fans that his career was not over. He fought like a tiger in the loose punishing Ernie with lefts and rights. Ernie just turned his back toward his corner and gave up the fight. Ernie was sporting lump in his left eye while Villacampo a gash on his left cheek from a head butt in the 6th round.

Francisco Balug, 126, had a successful comeback trail by badly outpointing Manuel Tejares, 126, in 12 rounds. Balug became the regional featherweight champion. Balug was an old time featherweight champion of the Philippines and this was the first time he fought after a long layoff.

▲**Joe Almano,** 135, badly outpointed Little Gallego, 136, in 10 rounds in Angeles city. This was a grudge rematch in which Almano lost to Gallego in a controversal decision. It was the best fight ever seen in Pampanga. The fight was on even terms when Gallego was given a mandatory 8-count in the 10th and final round, when Almano sent him out the ring with a right to the jaw. He is now after a title fight in Manila.

▲**Joe Almano,** 135, defeated Resty Bomiguet, 135, in 10 rounds in Angeles city. This was a rematch from when this fighter drew in Isabela last year. Bomiquet gave good account of himself but could not stop the pummeling opponent. The decision was unanimous.

Jun Evangelista, 112, was disqualified in the 9th round for hitting Teddy Galler, 112, while down.

Frederick Reyes, 116 kayoed Bert Tani, 117, in 7th.

Fred Basa, 110, beat Rocky Malinao, 111, in 8.

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By DON FRASER

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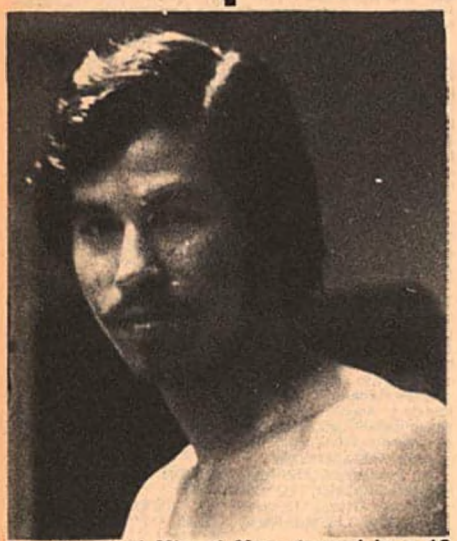

Los Angeles' Miguel Meza turned in a 10 round draw against San Diego's Manuel Lujan (above) in their featherweight bout in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO — Underdog Miguel Meza, 127, Los Angeles, turned in a mild surprise by holding Manuel Lujan, 127½, San Diego, to a 10 round draw at the Coliseum.

Manuel Castellanos, 126, National City, stopped Joe D. Baker, 127, San Diego, in the second round of their semifinal bout.

Other results: Lobito Gonzalez, 128, Mexico, took a KO over Paul Teibl, 128, Hawaii, (4); Randy De La O, 151, Los Angeles, and Nacho Cota, 148, National City, drew (4).

Danny Milsap was the promoter.

▲**STOCKTON** — Necomer Colly Saloma, 125, of the Philippines, won a bruising 10-rounder from Artemio Jeronimo, 123¾, Stockton, in the feature bout at Civic Auditorium.

Close to 1,000 folks paid $4,217 to sit in on the exciting scrap.

Other results: Billy Turner, 132, Stockton, won a KO over Terry Allen, 128½, Sacramento, (6); Tommy Greer, 144, Oakland, won a decision over Don Serratore, 146, San Francisco, (6); Reynaldo Zaragoza, 131, Mexico, won a decision over Frankie Baltazar, 132, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — California's triple threat, Monroe Brooks, hooked and jabbed his way to a convincing 10 round decision over Pancho Del Toro at the Olympic Auditorium.

This was the second win for Brooks over the El Paso slugger. Their first meeting was up at Lake Tahoe.

Though the show was televised, 3,375 of the faithful were on hand and paid $5,601.

Other results: Francisco Flores, 128½, San Fernando, won a decision over Alvaro Espinosa, 129, East Los Angeles, (7); Billy Gray, 117½, Los Angeles, won a decision over Alfonso Gonzales, 117, Mexico, (5); Mike Stuart, 114, Los Angeles, won a decision over Arnulfo Martinez, 117¾, East Los Angeles, (5); Oscar Muniz, 119, Montebello, won a decision over Carlos Alcivar, 119, Mexico, (4).

▲**SAN CARLOS** 8 Promoter Joe Gagilardi came up with the idea of a "talent,' show, featuring young prospects in six rounders at Circle Star theater.

In the top spot, Jose Talamantez, 141, San Jose, edged Tommy Greer, 143, Oakland, (6).

Other results: Willie Hearne, 146½, Oakland, took a KO over Don Serratore, 149, San Francisco, (3); cut eye; Erwin Williams, 162, Oakland, won a KO over Bruce Morrisseau, 163, San Francisco, (4); Reynaldo Zaragoza, 129, Mexico, won a KO over Jose Valencia, 127, Los Angeles, (6).

The gate was $1,940.

▲**SACRAMENTO** — "Golden Boy" Pete Ranzany, 147½, blitzed Chris Fernandez, 147, of the Dominican Republic in less than four rounds at Memorial Auditorium.

Ranzany, the best box office attraction in years in the Capital City, Ko'ed Fernandez midway through the third round.

The crowd of 2,152 paid $15,603, which put a smile on the face of promoter Babe Griffin.

In a supporting 10-rounder, Dommy Cruz, 124½, of the Philippines, outlasted Juan Lopez, 124, Mexico, in a spirited slugging duel.

George Maldonado, 116, Sacramento, nodded Enrique Estrada, 115½, San Jose, in a six rounder.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Veteran Ruben Vasquez of Mexico City, who had seen action against the best like Hedgemon Lewis, Armando Muniz, and John Stracey, had nothing to offer against Abel Cordoba, Los Angeles, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Vasquez went down early in the first round from the effects of a long right hand punch. Up at the count of eight, Ruben had no defense against the wild assortment dished up by Cordoba. Referee Rudy Jordan stopped the match.

Cordoba weighed 153½, Vasquez, 150.

Other results: Art Frias, 132, Montebello, took a technical decision over Basilio Onate, 134, Los Angeles, (1); Sammy Hernandez, 126, Los Angeles, won a decision over Jorge Moreno, 127½, Mexico, (4); Freddie Gonzales, 117½, East Los Angeles, decisioned Aunfio Martinez, 117, Mexico, (7); Al DeNeva, 165, Los Angeles, KO'd Sam Coleman, 167, Los Angeles, (3).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Showing the effects of a three month layoff, Irish Mike Nixon, 158, Glendale, landed enough telling blows to capture a unanimous 10 round decision over veteran Willie Warren, 156, Corpus Christi, Texas, at the Olympic Auditorium.

While he scored with some strong right hand punches, Irish Mike couldn't floor the Texan.

Nixon upped his record to 29-6 and is now looking over some of the top ranking middleweights.

In the scheduled six round semifinal, Jorge Morales, 136, San Juan, P.R., was an instant success with a one round blasting of Romauldo Juarez, 136, Mexico. The end came after 2½ minutes.

In a fine five rounder, Ron West, 151, Los Angeles, held Armando Alatorres, 150, East Los Angeles, to a draw.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — The busiest fighter in California has to be Alberto (Superfly) Sandoval of Pomona.

The mighty mite, who headlines at the Olympic Auditorium at least once a month, overpowered Raul Pacheco, 116, Baja, California, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Sandoval, 117¾, put Pacheco down twice for eight counts in the fifth round, once from a wicked right cross, once from a left hook.

Pacheco was reeling from a right hand shot when referee Larry Rozadilla decided to end matters.

It was Sandoval's 13th consecutive win and ninth knockout.

Other results: Jed Walls, 193, Los Angeles, won a decision over Phelps Sere, 215, Los Angeles, (4); Frankie Baltazar, 132, Los Angeles, won a decision over Basilio Onate, 132, East Los Angeles, (7); Bruce Curry, 138½, Santa Ana, won a decision over Bruce Henderson, 141, Los Angeles, (5).

SOTO UPSET BY RED TOP OWENS

By CHARLES D. BROWN

Sunnyside Gardens in Queens, NYC. For eight rounds, Gibbons had jabbed and countered the ears off comebacking veteran Danny McAloon (150; Bronx), a trial horse at best. McAloon was having trouble with a cut in the corner of his right eye that got bigger and bigger, thanks to Gibbons' accurate pecking away. Every so often, McAloon's head would snap back like a door on a hinge, after receiving a jab. Gibbons was looking great.

McAloon started to get his licks in at the end of the Seventh, when Gibbons got careless and dropped his guard at the ten-second warning buzzer. Boxer Gibbons has little talent for toe-to-toe slugging, but he insists on indulging in it, and at 2:51 of the ninth round, with Clancy yelling that Gibbons was forgetting to use his jab, McAloon pitched a perfectly timed left hook to Gibbons' jaw and that was it. Period. Gibbons fell on his back, tried to get up three times and flopped back three times, like a fish on a gaff hook. Gibbons was counted out and took some time to leave the ring. McAloon took quite a few stitches for his cut; Gibbons took a lot of dousings with cold water when the NY Commission doctor found him to have a mild case of heat prostration, which Clancy said was the real reason for the sudden defeat. Gibbons was 148 pounds. He was born English and resides on Long Island. He is now 19-3-1 and has been stopped in three of his last five fights. But for the first seven rounds, he was a picture.

In the eight-round semifinal, Justice Ortiz (141) was awarded a hotly disputed 8-round decision over Eddie Vargas (139½); both of Puerto Rico. Vargas got off to a fast start, inflicting a cut over Ortiz's right eye. By the fifth, it had been closed, and Vargas apparently decided it would be wasted effort to attempt to reopen it. It was a mistake. The pace slowed up and Ortiz seized the initiative. He landed few hard blows, but was certainly the last-half aggressor. One judge called it a draw, another had it 4-3-1 Ortiz; another 6-2 Ortiz. The 4-3-1 was the most accurate.

In a sixer, Irish Pat Barry (160½; East Rockaway, L.I.) scored a fourth-round TKO over Vito Dooley (161; Queens), when the referee wouldn't let Dooley come out for the fifth round. The crowd was hollering for things to be stopped as early as the second with Dooley was spouting gore from four cuts.

Despite a gory cut below his right eye, Manual Melon (159; Puerto Rico) never faltered, and pounded out a 4-round decision over Joe Grady (164; NYC) in an action packed fight. The crowd cheered both men, and full credit goes to Melon for battling back against his handicap.

In the opening four-rounder Miguel Hernandez (151; Puerto Rico) stopped Rahim Muhammed (150; Newark) at 1:43 of the first session. Muhammed landed one right hand before being decked for eight by a flurry of blows. He got up and walked in every direction but toward Hernandez, so it was halted.

The crowd was an unusually large one, over 1,200 people. Sunnyside's new matchmaker, Dr. Marvin Goldberg, has been doing a fine job.

▲ SUNNYSIDE GARDENS; Queens, N.Y.C.—For a man who had just won an important fight and given his dying career a fresh shot of adrenalin, veteran New England light-heavyweight Eddie (RED TOP) Owens was oddly morose at a post-fight press conference. "I had to knock him out,"the 34-year-old veteran grated. "If I don't knock them out, they rob me." Owens, whose record is now 36-26-2 has indeed had his ups and downs. He was rated for a while, but dropped out of that company three years ago and has been drifting around since then. Tonight, at Vic Manni's Sunnyside Gardens, he took on 20-year-old Pedro Soto, the great young prospect from Puerto Rico. Soto had suffered a surprise thrashing at the hands of Bill Douglas in a February 1976 Madison Square bout, and this was his first fight in six months. But layoff or not (and added weight or not), everybody figured that Owens was the perfect target to begin Soto's comeback.

No sooner had the bell for the opening round rung than a sluggish Soto was getting a good body beating from Owens, who crouched low to evade the taller Soto. Soto came on in rounds two and three, stunning Owens in the third with a right cross to the jaw, so Owens promptly switched tactics for the fourth heat and started punching to the face. Once again Soto was caught by surprise.

They traded blows evenly through the sixth round, but it was Owens who inflicted the greater damage. Soto had a lump under the left eye and a raw bruise under the right one as he came out for the seventh punching with all he had; looking for that little extra. He took the round by a big margin, but it was his last moment. Owens came out for the eighth and floored Soto with a punch that escaped my notice. When Soto got up, he was pinned in a corner and subjected to a heavy volley of right hands, then was decked from a flying push—light punch combo. Referee Harold Valan then stopped it at 2:51 of the eighth round. The puffy-lipped Soto slipped to a 12-3-2 record, and may go back to the light-heavyweights. His trainer claims Soto was hampered by extra weight and ring rust. Soto was 186. Owens, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts,; was 185.

The semi-final produced another upset. An unknown string-bean from Morrero, Louisiana, named Bob Smith (180) scored an 8-round unanimous decision over highly regarded prospect Rochell Norris (201½; Atlantic City, N.J.). Smith won by clever moves and an occasional swift counterpunch in a close fight. Norris, who is now 12-5; carried the heavier sock. After a bad first round, Smith was able to stay a step ahead of Norris all night and neutralize his 21½ pound weight advantage. Smith, who taunted Norris for his inability to catch him, gives credit to trainer Eddie Hodges and his amateur trainer, ex-lightweight champ Joe Brown.

In a scheduled six, the crowd was treated to a fine display of boxing by Ali Perez (161) of N.Y.C.; who is a Muhammed Ali imitator in style and in language. His effective left jab reduced the face of Pepe' Ortiz (161) to a dripping mess of red by the fifth round and it was stopped at 2:09 of that round.

In a sixer, welterweight Tyrone Phelps (148; Brooklyn), who fights out of a traveling bag, popped up on the card and won a decision over veteran Winston Noel (147; also Brooklyn).

In the curtain-raiser, Raul Adams (152; born in Cuba) had a quickie. After 1:51 of the opening round, Heriberto Vasquez (147; Puerto Rico) was out of the picture after being floored twice. It was nothing but target practice for Adams.

CASTILLO BEATS AHUMADA

By MAX SEIKEL

PHOENIX, Ariz.—It was quite a revival meeting that professional boxing held at Phoenix' Civic Plaza.

The show itself was designed to swell the already-growing education fund for the children of Don Bolles, the later Arizona Republic crime-fighting reporter slain in a June bombing.

Reports were that the fund will receive approximately $7,000. Approximately 2,000 fans turned out for Phoenix' first show since January. Average ticket cost was $7. Much of the work—including the appearance of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis—was gratis.

The card itself, highlighted by Reuben Castillo's 12-round decision over Franke Ahumada for the vacant Arizona featherweight title, left the city with an interesting fight future.

"I believe it was the best card Phoenix has had since I've been in town," declared trainer Paavo Ketonen, the former Finnish wrestler who has been in the Valley since 1952. "And I've been here a long time."

Ketonen took time out from his training duties to arrange the card for the charity program which was promoted by Ed Johnson.

Castillo, who now owns an 18-0 record and is ranked ninth in the U.S. junior lightweight bracket by THE RING, had built much of his reputation in Civic Plaza.

Fighting as a featherweight out of Bakersfield, he was one of the top lights when boxing resumed at Civic Plaza during the Steve Eisner promosted fights last winter.

He moved to Tucson several months ago in order to compete as an Arizonan.

Ahumada, who included an earlier loss to Castillo during his 16-months as a pro, was Mexican-born, but moved from Las Vegas to Phoenix several weeks before the fight.

It was Castillo, using a lancer-like left, who dominated the fight. The decision was close, but it was unanimous in a fight that went without a knockdown.

Castillo used flurries in the fifth, sixth and ninth rounds to forge his winning margin.

Castillo displayed blood during the eighth round of action, but later explained it was caused from a head butt.

Roy Jones of Las Vegas outpunched Tucson's Vincente Medina in the 10-round semifinal.

Bobby Rascon, Tucson, earned a six-round decision over young Phoenix lightheavyweight Clay Ross in a six-rounder. It was young Ross's first loss.

Junior welterweight Clarence Howard, Phoenix, knocked out Daneal Diaz, of Douglas, in 42 seconds of the second round of their scheduled six-rounder.

And Phoenix' Jerry Cheatham, making his professional debut, knocked out Roberto Flores of Douglas after 2:20 of the opening round of the middleweight battle.

MARTINEZ RETAINS MEXICAN FLY TITLE

By EDUARDO AMER

Mexico City — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 110, technically stopped Juan Alvarez in six rounds, to retain Mexican flyweight title. aDavid Jorge Monzon, 126, tko'd Jose Luis Solis, 126, in 3. Serafin Pacheco, 118, beat Martin "Indio" Gallegos, 117, in ten. Elfego Lopez, 110, kayoed Juan Carlos Barbosa, 110, in 2.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Alfonso Lopez, 112, WBA flyweight champion, TKO'd Kenji Kato, 112, of Japan, in two. Guty Espadas, 112, destroyed Ryuji Iwamoto, 112, of Japan, also in two. Miguel Hernandez, 124, outpointed Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez, 125, in 10. Sergio Martinez, 114, halted Panchito Sarabia, 112, in 2. Marco Ventura, 106, embalmed German "Chino" Vazquez, 107, in five.

▲**Durango** — Alfonso Zamora, 117, WBA bantamweight champion, tko'd Candido Saldoval, 120, in 3. Jose Angel Hernandez, 124, tko'd Angel Salinas, 125, in 2. Arturo Chaires, 117, ko'd Jesus Ortega. — 117, in two. Ismael Serrano, 115, iced Jose Cardenas, 115, in one. Panchito Martinez, 125, nailed Manuel Barreto, 124, in two.

▲**Chihuahua** — Carlos Zarate, 118, world bantamweight champion, tko'd Antonio Paredes, 118, in two.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Nacho Beltran, 115, tko'd Victor Cortes, 114, in seven.

▲**Guaymas, Sonora** — Marcos Geraldo, 147, stopped Ernesto Cabellero, 148, in four.

▲**Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz** — Ricardo "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 119, decisioned Juan Granados, 118, in ten.

▲**La Paz, Baja California** — Jose Villachana, 122, defeated Saul Montana, 125, in ten. Rosalio Gonzalez, 125, knocked out Alfredo Rojas, 125, in 2. Francisco Amador, 113, tko'd Carlos Mendoza (not the panamenian), 114, in t.

▲**Mexico, City** — Salvador Sanchez, 117, tko'd Joel Valdez, 117, in nine. Martin "Indio" Gallegos, 117, tko'd Mauro Gonzalez, 118, in two. Memo Ayala, 117, tko'd Frederico Carreno, 116, in six. Pablo Rodriguez, 119, tko'd Francisco Manzo, 119, in two. Juan Carlos Barbosa, 123, bested Severo Bravo, 124, in four.

▲**Buctzotz, Yucatan** — Evelio "Zurdo" Munoz, 115, tko'd Ariel Rodriguez, 116, in 2.

▲**Mazatlan, Sinaloa** — Antonio Becerra, 117, outscored Frankie Cruz, 118, of Phillipines, in ten.

▲**Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas** — Moi Martinez, 183, halted Neftali Gordillo, 188, in four.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Gonzalo "Raton" Montes, 126, tko'd Hector "Toluco" Munoz, 126, in ten. Ezequiel Coronado, 135, kayoed "Chamaco" Veliz, 134, in two.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Pedro Galaviz, 111, tko'd Roberto Valenzuela, 112, in 4. Armando Villalobos, 123, tko'd Roberto Chavez, 124, in 2.

▲**Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Chucho Almazan, 135, whipped Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, in ten.

▲**Coatzacoalcos, Vera Cruz** — Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 117, tko'd Arturo Palma, 118, in 8.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Gerardo Heredia, 119, ko'd Serafin Pacheco, 118, in 3.

▲**Mexico City** — Rosalio Badillo, 126, won from Alfredo Carranza, 125, in 10. Luis Torres, 111, won by a disqualification over Arturo Delgado, 112, in 3. Andres Fernandez, 145, bombed Andres Tobias, 147, in one. Jose Ruiz, 115, beat Roberto Ramirez, 116, in 6. Jorge Coria Ortiz, 110, outpointed Rodrigo Araujo, 110, in 4.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Manuel "Topo Gigio" Vazquez, 117, tko'd Candelario "Conde" Bobadilla, 117, in 5. Rafael Rubio, 113, stopped Tito Arzate, 112, in 5. Juan Romero, 119, ko'd Eleazar Ramos, 118, in five.

▲**Mexico City** — Ruben Quintas, 145, tko'd Fernando "Pichi" Gonzalez, 144, in 5. Claro Guzman, 144, tko'd Nestor Adam, 146, in one. Fili Gonzalez, 111, bested Jose Sosa, 111, in 8. Roberto Merida, 117, kayoed Juan Martinez, 118, in 2. Florencio Barbosa, 111, won over Alberto Heredia, 112, in 4.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Trini Hernandez, 145, tko'd Juan Ramirez, 146, in four.

▲**Mexico City** — Jose Palacios, 146, and Melvin Dennis, 145, of USA, drew in ten. Ismael Ruiz, 191, embalmed Julio Cid Beltran, 182, in 2. Pablo Marquez, 124, won by a disqualification over Alejandro Vega, 124, in 6. Jorge Vera, 112, outscored Victor Yanez, 111, in 6. Eduardo Torres, 116, tko'd Evaristo Martinez, 116, in 1.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Rosalio Muro, 125, tko'd Memin Becerra, 125, in six.

▲**Tuxpan, Veracruz** — Ricardo Arredondo, 137, flattened Juan Rodriguez, 135, in three.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Salvador Avendano, 109, tko'd Lupe Acosta, 109, in 3. Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 129, put Armando Mendieta, 127, to sleep in the very first round. "Negro" Campos, 118, ko'd "Chocolate" Pineda, 119, in 4.

▲**Mexico City** — Gabriel Bernal, 112, tko'd Abundio Cortes, 112, in seven. Alfonso Aguilar, 112, tko'd Alberto Lozada, 111, in four. Victor "Vaquero" Diaz, 111l tko'd Gaspar Meza, 111, in three. Adrian Gutierrez, 134, tko'd Jaime Trinidad, 133, in 6. Jesus Salvador, 145, tko'd Felipe Suarez, 145, in 2.

▲**Halacho, Yucatan** — Juan Herrera, 110, decisioned Eleazar "Mongo" Hong, 112, in six. Alonso Echeverria, 112, and Francisco Figueroa, 112, drew in six. Roman Acosta, 109, win from Luis Burgos, 11, in four.

▲**Campeche** — Francisco Granados, 111, tko'd Luis Enrique Garcia, 112, in 5. Clemente Perez, 134, stopped Guadalupe "Lupe" Morales, 135, in seven. Jose Gabriel Tzab, 113, iced Fausto "Sopi" Ramirez, 111, in one. Garduno Cruz, 112, bested Kid Chivito, 111, in six.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Lalo Cuadros, 124, tko'd Delfino Mendoza, 124, in six.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Ernesto Herrera, 125, decisioned Victor Ramirez, 125, in 10.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Arturo Guzman, 119, and Gustavo Pinderson, 118, technical drew in one. Kid Molina, 124, bested "Negrito" Molina, 123, in ten. "Mucuro" Torrez, 110, tko'd Baby Mota, 111, in nine.

▲**Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas** — Ney Gordillo, 126, and Pedro Flores, 125, drew in 10. Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 114, and Abraham Soto, 113, drew in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Cesar Sabinon, 135, od Dominican Republic, defeated Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, in ten.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Tony Cruz, 146, flattened Javier Medel, 145, in six. Ciro Cayetano, 124, ko'd Miguel Angel Gomar, 124, who died two days later.

▲**Vallehermoso, Tamaulipas** — Jorge Villarino, 135, outpointed Silvano Estopier, 135, in ten. Arturo Sanchez, 124, nailed "Shibata" Perez, 123, in three.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Salvado Avendano (Olivaritos II), 109, tko'd Mario Castro, 115, in 3. Jose Luis Hernandez, 125, tko'd Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 128, in seven. Alfredo "Cachorro" Hernandez, 119, tko'd Javier Mendoza, 120, in seven.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Matias Marin, 109, tko'd Alex Lopez, 114, in seven. Raul Reyes, 117, beat Romulo Cortes, 117, in ten. Jose Cabrera, 110, decisioned Ricardo Varela, 110, in 10. Eleazar Hong, 106, polished off Marco Ventura, 107, in one. Juan Hernandez, 125, tko'd Abraham Nunez, 125, in three.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Rocky Guillen, 121, bested Jose Luis Lara, 120, in ten.

▲**Cancun, Quintana Roo** — Humberto Lara, 118, and Paulino Canche, 118, drew in ten. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 111, outscored Guillermo Mis, 112, in 8. Raul Medina, 124, stopped Jacobo May, 124, in five. Manolo Medina, 117, and Alonso Echeverria, 116, drew in six.

▲**Mexicali, Baja California** — Vicente Mijares, 135, decisioned Javier Muniz, 135, in 12, to retain North American lightweight championship. Adelaido Galindo, 113, halted Alfonso "Al" Gutierrez, 112, of Phillipines; in four. Antonio Leyva, 148, tko'd Gustavo Garcia, 147, in 9.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jose "Toluco" Diaz, 124, beat Jaime Nava, 124, in 10. Armando Villalobos, 124, iced Jorge Rodriguez, 125, in one.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 118, won over Cenobio Nicolas, 119, in ten. Leonardo Cruz, 117, outpointed Rodrigo Ortiz, 117, in ten. "Canelo" Adame, 117, bombed Domingo Mayoral, 117, in the first round.

▲**Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Rafael Gandarilla, 117, won by technical decision over Jose Luis Cruz, 117, in six. Catalino Flores, 115, of Phillipines, and Talan Moncivaiz, 116, drew in ten. Magallo Lozada, 123, whipped Daniel Felizardo, 124, in 10.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Ernesto Garfias, 126, stopped Rafael Buzan, 125, in five.

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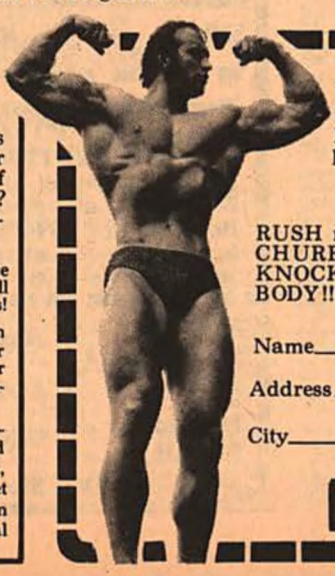

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SEKGAPANE VS. MGXAJI CAUSES RIOT IN SOUTH AFRICA

By ED CLARK

Port Elizabeth — The long awaited clash between two world rated S. African boxers Norman "Panga-man Sekgapane, light-weight and junior welter-weight title holder and Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji ended dramatically at the Centenary Great Hall, New Brighton, when a riot flared up outside the venue by fans who were unable to get inside the capacity filled hall and tear gas was accidentally shot into the hall. The bout declared a draw in the sixth as fans rapidly stampeeded out of the hall. Stones had been thrown thru the windows, but outside of two women fainting no one was injured, however, a traffic department car was set on fire.

Back to the fight — the first round was even with both boxers being cautious, but both attacking strongly at the end of the round. Sekgapane went to the head and body in the second, and Mgxaji was shaken with two hard rights. He tried to counter, but his blows were taken on Sekgapane's gloves.

Mgxaji was on top in the next round as he employed a variety of punches at lightning speed and it was "Panga-man's" turn to stagger.

The fourth was a humdinger with both tearing into each other with the crowd cheering.

Round five — Sekgapane worked to the body and again took the advantage with "Happy Boy" on the retreat. The pace was even faster in the sixth with Sekgapane looking for ways to end the bout, but the speedier Mgxaji was just that bit out of danger — and then the riot.

▲**Bloemfontein** — Kallie Knoetze, the latest heavyweight sensation, again scored a lopsided win in this city by stopping American Frand Schram in the third round before 6,000 cheering fans at the Callie Human Centre at the Orange Free State University. Knoetze wasted no time as he pummelled the visitor with rights in the first, with Schram shooting forth left jabs which Knoetze showed contempt for by dropping his guard. Knoetze's speed of blows had Schram bothered, betwitched, and bewildered in the second, and he had no answer and in the third. After Schram had taken three counts of "8", the referee stepped in and at the same time the towel was thrown in from the American's corner.

Fred Berry annexed the Orange Free State middleweight title, outpointing Neil Lang over 10 rounds; Dirk van der Westhuizen outscored Andre Nel, 6, junior welters; Smiley Giesing upset by T.K.O.ing Gerrie Bodenstein, 3, light-heavyweights; Doug de Wet T.K.O.'d newcomer Barry van der Westhuizen, 2, light heavyweights; Johan de Beer outscored Theunis Pretorious, 4, middles.

▲**Durban** — Gerrie Coetzee won the S. African heavyweight title at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium when Mike Schutte, the holder, was disqualified by the referee Bobby Mazzoni in the sixth round for persistent fouling. The record books will show L. Disq. 6. and it doesn't look so bad, but for readers of this magazine here's what happened. Coetzee, age 21, with just 12 fights under his belt was adjudged before the right to be two years away from Schutte who had 38 bouts and was being groomed for a possible title shot at Muhammed Ali. Coetzee read no script, and when the bell sounded for the first round he shot an overhand right cross and dropped Schutte to the canvas. The crowd, the biggest to attend a tournament in Durban, 12,000 strong, were electrified, but Schutte beat the count and the very same punch followed and down went the big man. On rising, two more rights had Schutte on "queer street" by the ropes, and Coetzee pummelled him with rights and lefts with no reply. Schutte missed wildly and Coetzee hit him with lefts and rights again and down went Schutte for the third time. Gamely he rose and went down with another hard right. Schutte took more punishment as the round ended. Schutte recovered somewhat and scored with a left and right to the head, but a heavy right from Coetzee dropped Schutte again. Schutte, however, came back with blows to the head in this round, and at the beginning of the third Coetzee complained to the referee. Schutte drove Coetzee to a corner and scored with a left to the body. Both boxers were warned by the referee for using their heads. Coetzee landed lefts and rights, and both boxers refused to break when ordered to by the referee. There were guilty of using their heads.

Schutte started the fourth well by scoring with a hard right. They clinched, and another right from Schutte dropped Coetzee who got up straight away and claimed he slipped. Schutte ended the round by driving Coetzee to the ropes. Schutte continued the attack in the fifth with lefts and rights to the body. He scored with a good left to Coetzee's jaw. Coetzee retaliated with a left and right to the head, and had Schutte going back. Coetzee scored also with a hard right to the body before the bell. The ref warned both boxers to break when ordered to. Blows were exchanged and they clinched. In breaking, Coetzee's right eye was bleeding. He claimed he was butted by Schutte. When Coetzee slipped in his corner Schutte tried to push him out of the ring and tried to kick Coetzee. Both boxers used their heads again and the fight developed into a brawl with Schutte being the culprit. He was disqualified. Many other fighters, including visitors, have bitterly complained against Schutte's tactics, and Coetzee warned him before the fight if Schutte "played dirty" he would retaliate, and he did. Schutte was booed from the ring to the dressing room, and the cheers were reserved for Coetzee. Coetzee was master of Schutte from the first punch, but outside the win over washed up Ron Stander and this victory he still has a long way to go.

Johnny Sham and Peet Bothma served up an entertaining six rounds welter bout with the verdict going to the clever and adept Sham; Tony Clarke and Hansie van Rooyen ended even, 6, junior lightweights; Ray Eardley had too much savvy for Eddie Scott, 6, middles; Doug Lumley repeated a points win over Sias Bosch, 6, middles; Andre Rheeders gained a T.K.O. over Wally Brown with eye trouble, 1, welters; Coenie Bekker accounted well in his debut against more experienced Louis Fourie but lost over 4, welters.

CHIAVERINI PUTS AWAY BALDEROS IN 1

By RON COPHER

The Mid American Boxing Club put on their first promotion of what is hoped will be boxing on a regular basis in Kansas City. Mid America with the financial backing provided by John Gruss, John Idoux, Jr., and Larry Kaminsky, along with Peyton Sher who manages most of the Kansas City fighters, hope to run a show every six weeks.

The main event featured middleweight Tony Chiaverini of Kansas City against Oscar Balderos of San Antonio. Chiaverini, 4-time regional Golden Gloves champ and a semi-finalist in 1974 National Golden Gloves tournament, wasted no time in putting Balderos away in 1:58 of the first round. The win brought Tony's record to 11-1-1.

In other bouts Steve Homan, a lightweight from Raytown, Mo., made his professional debut a short one with a KO over Lamar Baskins of San Antonio at 2:26 of the first round. Homan had a very successful amateur behind him with 3 regional Golden Gloves championships. In 1969 he made it all the way to the National Golden Gloves finals at 112 pounds before losing. And in 1970 he reached the national semi-finals before bowing out. Homan was also All-Army champ while in service.

The best fight of the night was a featherweight preliminary between Wardell Williams, of Kansas City, and Allen Ray Saenz, of San Antonio. Williams got the decision in a 6 rounder. In a six round middleweight preliminary Hank Gregory of Joplin outpointed Ruben Bardot of Omaha.

Gruss said that future shows may include slugging Johnny Copeland, exciting lightweight from Joplin. But as Gruss says, "If professional boxing is going to make a go of it in Kansas City the obvious attraction is Chiaverini. There probably wouldn't be any professional boxing in Kansas City without him." Boxing has been a losing proposition in Kansas City since the early 1950's, but the backers of Mid America say that this definitely isn't going to be a one shot deal.

Opponents mentioned for Chiaverini on future shows are Tony Licata, Vicente Medina, Mad Dog Ross, and Doug Demmings who handed Tony his only pro loss. Hopefully for Missouri boxing gans that was only the first of many shows.

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By RON OLVER

NEW CLASS, APPRENTICE PRO, WORKS

New Zealand's Monty Betham, the Commonwealth middleweight champion, recently lost a bout with Wally Carr for the Australasian Jr. middle title.

It is now twelve months since the British Boxing Board of Control introduced a new classification of boxers to be known as "Apprentice Professionals," and this system seems to be working well, but I would like to see more youngsters taking advantage of it.

Briefly, the conditions are as follows—

(a) Minimum age 17 years.

(b) All contests to be limited to four (2-minute) rounds.

(c) Purse monies to be negotiable between boxers or their managers and promoters.

(d) Only 8-oz. gloves to be used for all weights.

(e) No Apprentice Professional to box outside his classification except by permission of his Area Council.

(f) No Apprentice Professional to be upgraded to full professional except by authority of the Board. And even then they will be restricted to four (2-minute) rounds up to the age of 18.

(g) All applications for a licence from those under 18 must bear as witness the signature of the parent or guardian.

The main idea of this new classification is that those who want to take up the sport can learn their trade and get paid for it at the same time. Therefore, no previous experience is necessary, BUT all applicants are given a trial and must undergo a thorough medical examination.

When an Apprentice Professional reaches the age of 18 he can apply to be upgraded to a full professional, or if he is over the age of 18 when he applies, he can be accepted directly as a full professional after a trial bout.

The whole idea of this classification of Apprentice Professional is in the best interest of the applicant. The boxer's welfare must have first consideration, and this seems an admirable way to do it.

Unfortunately, there are those who think that to be called an Apprenticeship Professional is something derogatory, something that makes them inferior to the full professionals.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Whether a youngster wants to be become a plumber, a carpenter, or any of the other recoginsed trades or professions, he must serve an apprenticeship. And this is exactly what the Board had in mind when it brought this scheme into operation.

It is a safety measure, a precaution, and a necessary one, against the possibility of a youngster tackling an opponent who, although having a limited professional experience himself, may prove too superior.

With the Apprentice class, only those who pass their trial bouts and their medicals qualify, and I understand that this is by no means a mere formality.

The restriction to two minute rounds means they will be able to box within their own limitations regarding stamina and general fitness, and that they will always be under official supervision.

Apprentice Professionals are recommended to seek further guidance by attaching themselves to a licensed professional manager or trainer.

This is not obligatory, but Area Councils may consider it necessary in some cases, and may make it a condition to issue a licence that a boxer must have a registered manager in his own interests.

Boxer-manager contracts are not to exceed a period of three years. There will be a special form of contract, which must be countersigned by the parent or guardian if the boxer is under 18 years old.

The managerial commission is not to exceed 10% after deduction of expenses, whatever the agreed amount of purse.

It is obvious that the maximum amount of care is being given for the welfare and protection of the Apprentice Boxer.

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HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Richard Dunn (E)
1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Billy Aird (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. John L. Gardner (E)
6. Denton Ruddock (J)
7. Tony Moore (E)
8. Danny McAlinden (I)
9. Neville Meade (J)
10. Garfield McEwan (E)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Victor Attivor (G)
4. Bunny Johnson (J)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Al Gattling (A)

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Champion
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1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marks (TR)
6. Lawrence Hafey (C)
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1. Elisha Obed (BAH)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
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6. Joe Keresi (SUVA)
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8. Jim Gillen (A)
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Champion
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4. Trevor Francis (J)
5. Henry Rhiney (J)
6. Steve Dennis (A)
7. Billy Waith (W)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Peter Morris (E)
10. Jeff Gale (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (PAPUA)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Dave Green (E)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Terry Petersen (E)
8. Hugh Smith (E)
9. Kerry Bell (A)
10. Jeff Malcolm (A

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (E)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Barry Michael (A)
3. Andy Broome (A)
4. Matt Ropis (A)
5. Charlie Nash (I)
6. Joey Singleton (E)
7. Len Blackmore (GUY
8. Fitzroy Guiseppe (TR)
9. Percy Hayles (J)
10. Colin Powers (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. David Needham (E)
7. Tony Ryder (A)
8. Tommy Glencross (S)
9. George Turpin (E)
10. Jimmy Brown (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. George Sutton (E)
9. Sam Teser (A)
10. Charlie Parvin (S)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (ZAM)
1. Gwynne Jones (A)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Steve Bell (A)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. No official contender has been designated by the Commonwealth Championships Committee.

PUNCH LINES

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represent the United States. Too bad we did not have a better big man than the Cubans' I am looking forward to 1980 for still a better team.

Jacob Kasen
Detroit, Michigan

WHAT ABOUT MR. BUGNER?

I read in THE RING that Joe Bugner had retired from the ring and was moving to California. Then I read that Bugner was not leaving the fight game and was going to meet Dick Dunn. Does THE RING know what Bugner's intentions really are?

It would not surprise me if Bugner got back to fighting, as a bout with Dunn looks like easy money for the Hungarian Briton. A Bugner—Dunn bout would be soft money for both men. Neither man could inflict much damage on his opponent. I see by the British boxing press that they are using the usual build-up methods. Bugner is not great, but he would take Dunn inside fifteen rounds. I would not go around the block to see them scrap.

Harley Graham
London, England

HOW GOOD IS STEVENSON?

I saw Stevenson box at Montreal and did not get the notion that he was a world beater. I have seen much better amateur heavyweights. Theofilo is a good fighter, but he could not have beaten Olympian Joe Frazier. I know some others who would have beaten Stevenson. He has a very big head. He thinks a lot of himself, and this feeling has been increased by offers from American promoters.

Jose Fuentes
New York, N.Y.

A DEJESUS—CERVANTES FIGHT IN MAKING?

I saw the fight in which DeJesus took the title from Cervantes, and would like to see the former champion meet DeJesus again in Puerto Rico, where I am returning for the Christmas holidays. I believe that DeJesus would be beaten in a return bout, but have not heard or read anything about a second engagement. It would be a great fight, live or on the screen. Let's have it again in pleasant Puerto Rico.

Angel Dominguez
Caracas, Venezuela

NOT IMPRESSED WITH FOREMAN

Living not far from Utica, I drove over from my unit home in Buffalo to see Foreman fight LeDoux. Foreman made short work of the Minnesotan, but George did not impress me as a contender for the recovery of the world heavyweight title he lost to Ali in Africa. LeDoux was game and courageus, but he was neither a puncher nor a boxer. Foreman proved that he was a tough hitter when he was up against a guy who rushed him, a fighter of the kind LeDoux proved to be.

As for throwing Foreman in with a boxer and fast mover, no dice. Foreman was nice to LeDoux in predicting that the Mid Westerner would become a good fighter with time, but I could not see that brilliant a future for LeDoux, but then George wasn't brilliant either.

Frank Gottschalk
Buffalo, New York

AUSTRALIA HAS FIVE TITLE BOUTS IN ONE MONTH

By RAY MITCHELL

This was title month in Australia. There were five fights billed for national titles, two for State crowns. However, one of the so-called Australian title fights was a 15-round exercise that had no right ,whatsoever to be called a championship.

The first title fight was between Hector Thompson, 140, and his leading Australian contender Andy Broome, 136¼, at Seagulls Leagues Club, Tweed Heads. This was billed for Thompson's Australian junior-welter title, but his Commonwealth crown also was on the line automatically. Thompson had no trouble with Broome, sweeping him out of the fight in six rounds. Hector boxed well within himself.

▲**The second title tilt was held at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford,** and was between Johnny Holt, 153¾, and Joe Keresi, also 153¾, and was for the vacant junior middleweight championship of Australia, following the retirement of former champion Shane Patrick. This, too, ended in the sixth round, with Holt victorious. Keresi did well till midway through the fourth when Holt banged home a left hook that shook Keresi down to his heels. From that moment on it was nearly all Holt, who increased his speed of foot and punch-output to bring the stoppage midway through the sixth session.

▲**Cardiff Workers Club** — Some 100 miles north of Sydney, for the third title tilt. Australian middleweight champion Semi Bula, 160, defended his crown against Greg McNamara, 160, over 12 rounds. This was a good fight that brought a shower of coins and notes from ringsiders at the final bell. As referee, I carded for Bula 117-114. Judge Clive Greedy had the same score, but the other way, favouring McNamara. Judge Jack Green saw it 117 to each boxer so the decision was a draw. Could go on again.

▲**Kewdale,** suburb of Perth, Western Australia (going on for 3,000 miles west of Sydney) — Matt Ropis defended his Australian lightweight title against Lachie "Baby Cassius" Ausint — and lost it. Austin, who usually boxes as a welter or junior-welter, came in at 134½ but was strong enough to outpoint Ropis, 135, for the full 15 rounds. Referee Dinny Heaney scored 12 rounds to Austin, one to Ropis, the rest even.

▲**Marrickville R.S.L. Club** — An erzatz championship took place when Wally Carr, 151½, met Neil Pattel, 153, in a bout billed for the vacant Australian junior middleweight title — the same title won legitimately by Johnny Holt 15 nights earlier! To make the Marrickville billing more illogical, Pattel had been soundly outpointed by Holt only three weeks before Holt won the title. Pattel boxed beautifully to easily outpoint Carr over the 15 rounds, but all that victory gained him was the position as number one contender to Johnny Holt, the real champion.

▲**At Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale,** Roger Henry, 126, outpointed Keith Ball, 129, in the main-event eight. This was a war and it reversed a previous win for Ball over Henry. The two met a third time two weeks later this time at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, with the New South Wales State featherweight title on the line, previous holder Billy Mulholland, who also holds the State junior-light and lightweight crowns, having outgrown the featherweight division. Henry was deadly, decked Ball a few times and halted him in the third round. Ball later announced his retirement from boxing. Keith always gave value and never learned to take a backward step; he didn't want to; all he ever wanted to do was walk up and punch. He had 48 fights.

▲**The following night** Al Gattling, 174¾, staked his N.S.W. State light-heavyweight title against sawn-off bulldozer Joe Vella, 169¾, over 10 rounds, and Vella emerged with a split points decision win in a hard battle that drew a shower of coins amounting to $56.

▲**Melbourne** — Billy Mulholland, 136¼, tossed the first defeat into Joe Gibilisco, 134½, when he soundly outpointed him over ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. Billy is a very clever boxer and was too smart for the harder punching Gibilisco. Stadiums Ltd, which owns the Hall, has leased it to a group headed by Kevin Watterson.

▲**One month later,** Mulholland, 135, outpointed Dave Richards, 135, by a comfortable margin over ten at the same venue.

▲**At Melbourne Festival Hall,** rising Martin Paul, 157½, narrowly outpointed Phil Khan, 154, over 10 in a good fight that drew a shower of $44.

▲**Melbourne boxer John Halley,** 172, knocked out Amos Moses, 182, in the seventh round at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford. Halley dropped Moses with a right to the jaw and Amos did not come out of the bullrushes for about one minute.

Halley, on the Mulholland-Richards bill, met comebacking Ken Eldrige, 180, in the main support over eight rounds, and lost on points.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Muhammad Ali beat Ken Norton, 15, to retain World Heavyweight Title.
Jimmy Young kayoed Lou Rogan, 2, Mike Boswell, 4.
Ron Lyle halted Kevin Isaac, 7.
Tom Prater stopped Al Jones (Miami), 7.
Ibar Arrington halted Fred Wallace, 2.
Alfio Righetti beat Piermario Baruzzi, 10.
Denton Ruddock halted Neville Meade, 7.
Alfredo Evangeslista kayoed Fermin, 4.
Berndt August stopped Hartmut Sasse, 3.
Cornell Verse beat Kid Ayala, 6.
Grady Daniels halted Bill Jackson, 2.
Tony Mundine beat Maule Haumonia, 10.
Louis Brown stopped Pneeual Sarkis, 4.
Jose Urtain outpointed Luis Galves, 10.
George Chaplin kayoed Ken Hunter, 1.
Wendell Bailey beat Mike Koranicki, 8.
Rodell Dupree outpointed Jerry Judge, 8.
Ron Vassalo stopped Anthony Battiglina, 3.
Ernie Shavers kayoed Henry Clark in 2.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Len Hutchins kayoed Macka Foley, 3.
Richie Kates stopped Don Rucker, 2.
Mate Parlov halted Al Boldon, 9.
Matt Franklin kayoed Bobby Walker, 4.
Marvin Johnson stopped Wayne McFee, 1.
Gary Summerhayes beat Smokley Middleton, 10.
Aldo Traversaro halted Jose Galvez, 4.
Ray James beat Paul Murphy, 6.
Mel Mott outpointed Chuck Warfield, 8.
Al Fracker decisioned Dave Bradley, 6.
Lionel Ford defeated Charlie Jordan, 8.
Tommy "The Irish Bomber" Sullivan kayoed Paul Guynie, 2.
Biff Cline stopped Ace Williams, 1.
Jerry Martin beat John Wilburn, 6.
Hildo Silva T.D. with Butch Geigger,.
Kevin Smith halted John Kane, 3.
Wes Rowe defeated Ted Paxton, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Mike Colbert beat Tony Licata, 10.
Marvin Hagler stopped Eugene Hart, 8.
Alex Olivo kayoed Bruce Hamilton, 2.
Aunda Love beat Bobby Crawford, 6.
Dennis Haggerty stopped Robert Williams, 3.
Mickey Banks beat Clyde Spencer, 4.
Ralph Moncrief kayoed Bill Williams, 1.
Jimmy Owens drew with Al Clay, 10.
Larry Smith beat C.J. Brown, 6.
Mike Nixon outpointed Willie Warren, 10.
Ray Kates stopped Lester Camper, 2.
Billy Goodman outpointed Darlton Swift, 6.
Mike Rossman stopped Christy Elliott, 3.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Eckhart Dagge beat Emile Griffith, 15, W.B.C. junior middleweight title.
Elisha Obed outpointed Victor Perez, 10.
Emmett Atlas defeated Gene Wells (Orlando), 10.
Miguel Castellini beat Juan Artaza, 10.
Ralph Palladin outpointed Jimmy Savage, 10.
Jose Duran beat Peter Schreibner, 10.
Frank Davila drew with Billy Duquette, 10.
Jose Luis Pacheco stopped Jose Luis Palacios, 4.
Alvin Anderson halted John Harris, 7.
Abel Cordova kayoed Ruben Vasquez, 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Angel Espada stopped Agustin Estrada, 4.
Pete Ranzany kayoed Rudy Barro, 2.
Billy Backus beat Pablo Rodriguez, 10.
Miguel Barreto outpointed Fausto Rodriguez, 10.
Beau Jaynes defeated Tony Lopes, 10.
Frank Albertus halted Horst Brinkmeier, 3.
Vittorio Conte beat Italo Venturi, 12.
Mimun Mohatar drew with Fernando Perez, 8.
Mario Gullotti outpointed Giuseppe Minotti, 8.
Rafael Rodriguez beat Frank Kolovart, 10.
Gary Pope stopped Richard Woods, 1.
Kid Polack kayoed Joey Hrbcha, 2.
Ben Camacho drew with Nick Turano, 4.
Terry Summerhayes stopped Hearalded Genie, 4.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Ray Lampkin beat Brooks, Byrd, 10.
Santos Solis defeated Jimmy Heair, 10.
Juan Hidalgo outpointed Doc McClendon, 10.
Carlos Alvarez drew with Ramon Allende, 10.
Oscar Aparicio beat Luciano Laffranchi, 8.
Guiseppe Russi outpointed Nicola D'Orazio, 8.
Chato Melillense drew Jose Gody, 8.
Hector Thompson kayoed Andy Broome, 6.
Eric Trabue beat Bob Plegge, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Esteban DeJesus kayoed Hector Medina, 7, W.B.C. lightweight title.
Jorge Gomez beat Oscar Mendez, 10.
Mario Ortiz outpointed Miguel Maldonado, 10.
Vincenzo Quero beat Giovanni Cavazzini, 8.
Emilio Barcala kayoed Flamenco Rodriguez, 1.
Giancarlo Usai halted Domenico Condello, 7.
Vincenzo Quero beat Giancarlo Barabotti, 10.
Manuel Velasquez outpointed Agustin Plou, 8.
Emilio Bracla halted Manver Rodriguez, 7.
Termite Watkins kayoed Rocky Ramon, 12.
Curtis "Killer" Ramsey outpointed Danny Alameda, 6.
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Johnny Sullivan beat Jose Resto, 8.
Ron Pettigrew outpointed Johnny Summerhayes, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Alfredo Escalera stopped Ray Lunny III, 12, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Ricky Gutierrez outpointed Jerry Kornele, 10.
Jose Fernandez decisioned Ben Ortiz, 10.
Rafael Limon kayoed Lionel Rose, 3.
Adolfo Osses drew with Tino Blanco, 8.
Leon Mejias stopped Francisco Santagracia, 4.
Sergio Emili drew with Guiseppe Agata, 8.
Sigdrido Rodriguez kayoed Jose Hernandez, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Roberto Castanon beat Luis Cabezas, 8.
Jose Padron kayoed Sebastian Ruiz,
Blackie Zamora halted Jimmy Martinez, 4.
Eddie Freeman beat Chico Rodriguez, 8.
Gaby Cantera stopped Tony Sanchez, 3.
Victor Ramirez beat Redro Martinez, 8.
Rosalio Badillo won from Alfonso Ibarra, 10.
Joey Mayes kayoed Harry Lee, 1.
Roy Hernandez stopped Jorge Mejia, 5.
Famos Gomez beat Colly Saloma, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Carlos Zarate kayoed Paul Ferreire,; 12, W.B.A. bantamweight title.
Salvatore Fabrizio beat Daniel Troulaire, 15, E.B.U. bantamweight title.
Sean O'Grady stopped Rick Puentes, 2, Joe Medrano, 3.
George Sutton halted Dave Tuohey, 3.
Ignacio Fara W.F. over Salvatore Laconi, 3.
Heleno Ferreira kayoed Claude Tanda, 4.
Harrison Kiger beat Shannon Williams, 6, Antonio Rivera, 6.
James Martinez outpointed Jose Luis Medrano, 10.
Alberto Davila beat Dubano Hernandez, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Juan Alvarez beat Ignacio Espinal, 10.
David Ramalho decisioned George Michel, 6.
Emilio Pitrddu halted Franco Bugkione, 8.
Hernandez Cornejo stopped Tarcisio Boi, 4.
Jose Cantero beat Mariano Garcia, 12.
Raul Perez outpointed Carlos Leyes, 10.
Betulio Gonzalez kayoed Mario Chaves, 2.
Luis Torres W. F. over Arturo Delgado, 5.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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I only hope that this classification will soon be taken advantage of to its fullest extent, and that anyone who thinks there is something degrading in becoming one should think again. This scheme can do nothing but good. If you start youngsters off on the right foot then that's the way they'll continue.

▲**Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff** — Two Jamaican-born boxers met in an official eliminating contest for the British heavyweight title, with Denton Ruddock, Camberwell, 192, beating Neville Meade, Swansea, 216. The bout was stopped in the seventh round after Meade had been decked for six.

Meade had the physical advantages, and many thought he would win, especially before his own supporter. However, I have always had a high opinion of Ruddock, and have placed him in front of Meade in THE RING Commonwealth Ratings for several months.

Now Ruddock tackles Billy Aird for the right to challenge the champion, and when one considers that Denton has had only six pro fights his progress has been remarkable. He is fortunate to have a shrewd manager in Phil Coren, and a capable trainer in Kenny Lyas.

Meade was never really in this fight, which must have been a bitter disappointment to him and his manager Eddie Richards. He had two amateur wins over Ruddock to his credit, but couldn't put it together on this occasion. Now, at the age of 27, it must be doubtful if he can get another opportunity.

In his favour is the fact that there are not many other top contenders, and manager Richards says he will continue to persevere.

Meade seemed content to let Ruddock do the leading, concentrating on quick counters. Ruddock tried a few body shots, but the first round was devoid of incident.

In the next session Ruddock again took the initiative, and came in, both hands busy. Meade stood his ground, got in some good counters and landed some good right hands.

Ruddock would not be denied, however, and in the third cracked home a couple of good rights to the chin, which caused Meade to back up.

With Denton continuing his aggression, Meade fought back, and a couple of good rallies ensued. Yet Meade seemed reluctant to get too involved, and spent a lot of the time purely on the defensive.

Ruddock realised that his opponent wasn't fighting back, scored with both hands, shook Meade with a left hand to the chin in the fifth, and stepped up the pace in the sixth.

By now Meade had slowed considerably, and look extremely weary. Ruddock was hitting his man almost at will, and this prompted referee Harry Gibbs to pay a visit to Neville's corner at the end of the round to inquire after his health.

Meade signified he was O.K., but seventh proved to be the last. Ruddock just carried on where he had left off, and Meade was forced to fight back in sheer desperation. But he was making no impression on Ruddock who just walked through his opponent's punches and banged away until Meade finally went down.

He took a count on his hands and knees, rising at six, but Ruddock continued to thump away until referee Gibbs intervened.

The manner of Ruddock's victory was impressive, and at 24 he could provide quite a handful for the much more experienced Billy Aird.

The brothers Copp from Swansea both won their bouts. Debutant Alan, 137½, beat Graham Laybourn, Barnsley, 135½, the bout being stopped in the third when the latter was shipping a deal of punishment.

Michael, 144, outpointed Terry Schofield, Durham, over six twos by 60-58. Schofield did exceedingly well. A late substitute, he didn'h reach the hall until just before the fight.

George Sutton, Cardiff, 120½, beat Dave Tuohey, Leeds 125½, the bout being stopped in the third after Tuohey had been floored for eight.

Jeff Burns, Swansea, 158, outscored Tony Burnett, Caerphilly, 164, over six twos by 59½-58½. Burns won by virtue of his superior work-rate.

Jamaican Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 165½, outpointed Colin Breen, Swansea, Swansea, 165½, by 60-57 over six twos, winning every round.

Bimbo Pearce, Newport, 187½, easily outscored Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 186, by 59½-58, also over six twos. Armstrong was cut by the right eye and his nose bled. Pearce's heavy right-hand punching was the dominating factor.

▲**New Cresta Cabaret Club, Solihull** — Brian Huckfield, Birmingham, 177, successfully came down from heavyweight to light-heavyweight and beat Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 179, the bout being stopped in the opening round after Armstrong had been decked for nine.

A left to the jaw put Terry down after he had taken the fight to Huckfield, who remains unbeaten.

Another boxer who preserved his unbeaten certificate was Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 206, who outpointed Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 190, over six by 59½-57.

Johnson was down twice, and one of O'Connor's punches caused referee John Coyle to take evasive action in a hectic encounter.

Dave Connell, Manchester, 120, kayoed Ray Dodd, Bradford, 115, in three after flooring him in the second.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 141, was another knockout winner, disposing of Barry White, Ferndown, 144, also in three.

IBAR ARRINGTON PROVES HIMSELF

By RUGGLES LARSON

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Ibar Arrington clearly established himself as the number one Pacific Northwest heavyweight fighter by stopping Al (Memphis) Jones, 212, via a seventh round T.K.O. The ringside physician called a halt to the one sided match due to two cut eyes. A companion ten rounder between Pat Duncan, 196, Spirit Lake, Idaho, and Ed Bytheway of Seattle ended in a fourth round technical draw as Dr. alex Grinstein ruled both fighters too severly cut to continue.

A free for all broke out in the ring after the Duncan-Bytheway match was ruled a draw. Both fighters, handlers, and a couple of spectators mixed it up in the center of the ring at the Center Arena. The police eventually broke up the mayhem.

Larry Smith, 151, Tacoma, Washington, picked himself off the deck in the second round and went on to outpoint Babs McCarthy, 154, San Francisco, in an eight rounder. Willie Baldwin, 158, Seattle, decisioned Eugene White, 154, Tacoma, in four rounds and classy Curtis Ramsey, 133, Portland, Ore, t.k.o.'ed Hideo Kitani of Vancouver, B.D., at 2:55 of the third round.

3,573 fans paid $19,800 to watch the Global Promotions card.

▲ **TACOMA**—Pierce County's two Olympic Games boxers, Leo Randolph and Davey Armstrong, have both announced that they have no professional aspirations. Leo captured the 112 pound crown for the U.S. and Davey, from nearby Puyallup, lost a controversial decision to the eventual featherweight champion in the quarterfinals.

▲ **SEATTLE,Washington**—Ed Bytheway, who is the only professional fighter to hold a win over Ibar Arrington, was found dead in his apartment only eight days after he fought Pat Duncan to a four round technical draw. The cause of death was unknown at this writing.

▲ **RENTON, Washington**—Boone Kirkman, who was a leading box office draw under the managerialship of the late Jack Hurley, is reportedly in training for a comeback. If Boone can regain his form, a match with Ibar Arrington would do business in the area of 100 thousand dollars in Seattle.

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TSUJIMOTO, TAKADA, AND KUDO RETAIN JBC TITLES

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN—Lefty champion Shoji Tsujimoto boasts of his long reign for four years, as he dropped Buffalo Suzuki time and again to retain his JBC welterweight title for the ninth time with a kayo in round nine, Korakuen Hall. Tsujimoto, 27 year-old technician, turned professional in 1970, after he gained Japan's amateur championship and graduated from Kinki Univ. of Osaka. The speedster has compiled a record of 24-2-2 with 12 knockout, including a decision over Eddie Perkins in 1974, a 12-round draw with Ryu Sorimachi in the next year. Tsujimoto is scheduled to face Jose Cuevas, Mexican new welter titlist of WBA, in months here.

Another national champion who successfully kept his leading position was Kazunori Tenryu, standing at 4 ft. 9 in., as the short guy battered Hiroyki Kondo into submission in the sixth round. The game for JBC junior flyweight title took place in Tokyo as a companion tenner of Tsujimoto's defense. Tenryu also tabbed the fifth defense, after he became the first titleholder in the newly established class last year.

▲In Fukui City, Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama scored a one-punch kayo over Hiromi Nishida to register the sixth defense of his JBC junior welterweight throne. Having been defeated by Hector Thompson in Australia last April and by Saensak Muangsurin in 15 heats here this January, Furuyama decided to concentrate on the defense of his national title for a while.

▲Kora Kuen Hall — Before 1,600 fans, lanky Shoji Tsujimoto, 146¾, had Buffalo (Mitsuhiro) Suzuki on the deck and finished him with 7 seconds left in the ninth round. A good card between the champ and the top JBC contender resulted in a onesided slaughter. For all Suzuki's tricky mobility of too low ducking, Tsujimoto connected with a vicious uppercut and a sharp counterpunching left to drop him in the third fifth and ninth rounds. Suzuki, a quarter pound lighter than the welterweight limit, tried to bore in as close to the southpaw as possible, but he was outlegged and outpunched by the taller champ by four inches. Tsujimoto easily dominated five sessions, losing none.

In the first tenner Kazunori Tenryu, 105½, punched Yukimitsu Kondo, 106¼, from all angle, shaked him up often and scored a clearcut kayo in 54 seconds of the sixth round. They started mutual fireworks from the first session, and both had a gash over the right eyebrow in the next round. The proceeding itself was obviously in Tenryu's favor, tor the shorter champ battered Kondo almost at will with a wicked combo. In the fatal round Kondo went down flat for the count after Tenryu landed a continual two-fisted attack at the opponent's face and body.

▲KuKui City — It was Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama that traded a vaunted right hook at Hiromi Nishida's jaw to send him to dreamland in the fourth round at Fukui City Gymnasium. Furuyama had little difficulty in dealing with the willing but less experienced man, and tabbed the sixth defense of his junior welter title. The defending champion tipped the beam at 140, the limit of the class, while Nishida a pound and a half lighter.

▲Korakuen Hall — Durable Hideo Kobayashi, 120 pounds, was jarred often by Isao Okahashi's barrage, collapsed for a compulsory eight count in the eighth round, but amazingly came back to finish the hitherto aggressive man with three ropedowns in the ninth canto. Okahashi, 118½, who had sunk eight victims in ine outings, outjabbed the more experienced Kobayashi effectively enough to take the second, third and fifth rounds. Kobayashi, 24 years old and piloted by Mitsunori Seki, was in command in round six, as he suddenly changed the strategy into an exclusive body attack. Okahashi, 19, would have halted the shorter opponent in the eighth round, unless the bell saved Kobayashi who downed by a vicious right to the face. However the youngster tired and was caught by Kobayashi's desperate revenge, which had the helpless loser down to the ropes twice and out their game showings fully entertained some 1,300 fans.

In a companion tenner, hard-hitting lefty Go Mifune, 118, returned to action after a layoff, and barely gained a split decision from Satoru Uehara, 117½, rising hope with a 10-1-2 record. Uehara seemed to win the game with his more effective punching, but hairline votes went to the southpaw who showed a few counterpunches.

Kimisuke Araki losh a majority nod to Atomic Kurusu from Hiroshima in a bantam sixer.

▲Shira Kaula City — Having keen outscored by veterans Jaguar Sekino and Spider Nemoto successively, prospect Masayuki Miyashita found his left hand still powerful in polishing off Mitsuo Ohashi in the fifth round. Both entered the ring at 129½ pounds. The southpaw winner received the praise of the crowd.

▲Hachinoe City — Up-and-coming Shigeyoshi Adachi, 129, added another important win to his improving record, when he stopped Norikazu Atmoura, 126, in the seventh round of a scheduled tenner. Adachi, who had annexed an upset duke from ex-titlist Ushiwakamaru Harada, may be a worthy opposition against Flipper Uehara, JBC feather champion.

▲Kor Kuen Hall — Chikara Igarashi, 112 pounds, successfully kept his JBC flyweight title, as he fought to draw with veteran Beaver Kajimoto, 112 also, in 10 close busy rounds. They traded a see-saw rally mutually throughout the contest. Igarashi had copped the title from Kenji Kato this February. Due to his incessant mobility, Kajimoto annoyed the defending champ, while Igarashi threw long punches most of which were missing in earlier rounds. It was because of his aggressiveness that the reporter gavs the third, sixth and ninth rounds to Igarashi. Beaver dominated the sixth session with a continual body attack. Referee Shimakawa saw the affair 49-47 for the champ, however judges Tezaki and Uchida tabbed draw scores 48-48 and 47-47 respectively.

In a sixer Chuji Mutoh, 117, kayoed Mitsuru Takayama, 117¾, in the second round. In the second of the tripleheader Yukio Sasaki, non-stop agressor, was awarded a kayo win from Kazuyuki Iwakiri midway in the ninth round, as the latter retired due to his absorption of punishment. The lightweights scaled at 133 pounds.

The first tenner watched a quick stoppage in Hisao Sakurai, 122, polishing off Mamoru Nagaoka, 122 pounds, with three knockdowns in the second round.

The card drew some 1,100 customer.

▲Nagaya City witnessed a fast kayo, less than one minute, as rising flyweight Yoshiharu Suga, 111¼, sank Kenji Daruma, 112, in 59 seconds of an opening session. Suga had upset Hiroyuki Kanda, Shinjin-o winner of this year, via a 10 round decision in his previous showing to halt the latter hope's winning streak.

▲Tokyo — Jiro Takada, Orient flyweight champion, displayed an impressive knockout in polishing off Dan Pisalchai, titlist of Thailand, in the eighth round. His wicked left hook was the haymaker.

Undefeated hope Masaji Kudo, 24 year old Japan's middleweight champ, fought so positively that he pummeled Yuichiro Watanabe, taller hombre, into submission in Round Three. The victor is to have an ambitious shot at Yuk Jae-Do's Orient title in the 160-pound class.

▲Escarela showed his experience in copping a close but unanimous decision in 15 hot frames in the historical western city in Japan.

▲New JBC champion was Tamio Negishi, who upset Yasushi Yajima, 21, to turn the tables after a TKO in July last year and wresh the lightweight title by an important 10 round decision.

▲Osaka — African Waruinge Nakayama kept his junior feather throne of Japan by unanimously defeating Futaro Tanaka in 10 frames.

▲Chung Sang-Il was The Korean hero who dethroned Thai favorite Monsiarm Machachai in 12 unanimous rounds for the Orient Jr. fly title.

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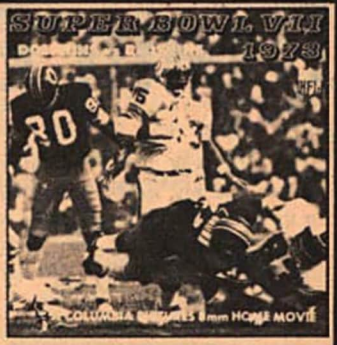

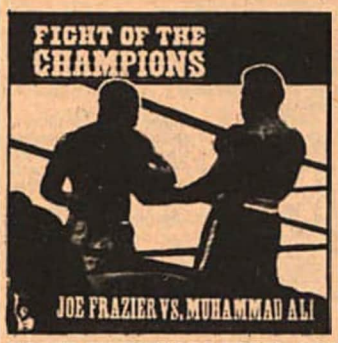

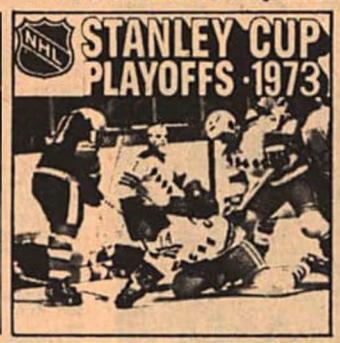

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

Urtain Over Galves in Madrid

Berlin. 28 year old Frenchman Daniel Trioulaire lost his European bantamweight crown to Salvatore Fabrizio, Italy, on points over fifteen rounds. Italy now holds six of the eleven European titles. British referee Sid Nathan made Fabrizio the winner by eight points, and judges Aime Leschot Switzerland, and Fernando Perrotti, Spain, had the Italian ahead by five and three points, respectively. Trioulaire took a standing count of eight in round ten.

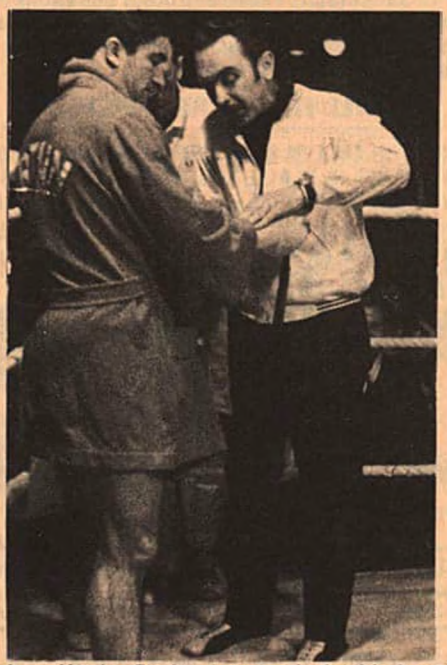
Fabrizio is the 42nd champion in this class, and it was the 97th bantamweight title fight since Britain's Joe Bowker ko'ed Frenchman Jean Audony, in London, in 8 rounds, on 7 March, 1910. Nine other Italians have reigned in this division: Domenico Bernasconi (1927), Gino Cattaneo (1939), Gino Bandavalli (1941), Guido Ferracin (1948), Mario Dagata (1955), Piero Rollo (1958), Tommaso Galli (1965), Salvatore Burruni (1968) and Franco Zurlo (1969). Daniel Trioulaire won the title when he beat Spaniard Bob Allotey on February 9, 1975, and has since created some kind of record by drawing all three of his defenses against Britain's Dave Neddham and Paddy Maguire and Spaniard Fernando Bernardez.

In Marseilles, French middleweight champion Gratien Tonna ran into a 34 year old policeman, Forassassi, who was guarding the approach to a close tunnel, and killed him.

Nino Castellini (25) former Italian middleweight champion, was killed in a motor bike accident in Palermo.

As in ten of the thirteen divisions, the junior middleweight class also has two champions, German Eckhard Dagge holding the WBC version, and Spaniard Jose Duran, wearing the WBA crown. Dagge and Duran have met on two occasions for the European junior middleweight crown. Dagge first challenged Duran for his crown on September 3, 1974, and lost when he was taken out of the fight with a closed right eye in round eleven. Duran promised Dagge a return, but the fight was shelved for a time when the Spaniard found himself matched with Miguel DeOliveira, and then fulfilled his date with Dagge on June 24, 1975, handing over his crown to the German when he retired in the ninth.

Dagge then lost his European title to Italian Vito Antuofermo in January the following year, losing narrowly on points. The German then met Olisha Obed in Berlin in June last for the latter's WBC crown, and won in the tenth when the champion retired rather surprisingly. In the same month, Jose Duran won the WBA crown beating champion Koichi Wajima, in Tokyo, TKO14.



Jose Urtain, Spain, gets ready for his bout against Antonio Galves, Spain. Urtain won over ten rounds.

With Duran and Dagge holding a victory over one another, a third should be made with both the WBC and WBA titles at stake. This would leave us with one junior middleweight champion as did the recent Monzon-Valdes meeting in the middleweight division.

At present, Europeans hold four of the 23 world titles, John Conteh (GB) WBC light heavy, Dagge WBC and Duran WBA junior middleweight, and Miguel Velasquez, Spain, WBC junior welterweight.

SPAIN

▲**Barcelona**—Heavyweight. Alfredo Evangelista, Uruguay, beat Mario Baruzzi, Italy, TKO5. Spanish junior lightweight champion, Antonio Guinaldo, retained his title outscoring Rodolfo Sanchez, twelve.
Heavyweight. Alejandro Cardoso, Portugal, outscored Alberto Lovell, Argentina, eight. Junior lightweight. Francisco Leon outscored Jose Martin Garzon, ten.

▲**Santander.** Welterweight. Dum Dum Pacheco beat Diego Lopez, TKO3. Junior lightweight. Manuel Llata beat Ramiro Suarez, TKO1. Bantamweight. Esteban Eguia decisioned Antonio Garcia del Moral Tanio, eight.

▲**Mataro.** Featherweight. Pedro Pinto outscored Augustin Augustin Horcajo, eight. Bantamweight. Jose Salvado beat Andres Ramos who was disqualified in the third.

▲**Bilbao.** In a final eliminator for the European heavyweight crown held by Richard Dunn, Jose Urtain, Spain, outscored Italian, Dante Cane, twelve. Heavyweight. Alfredo Evangelista beat Tony Moore, Britain, KO4. Jose Ignacio Inguez beat Alejandro Cardoso, Portugal, TKO7. Lightweight. Antonio Alfonso San Miguel outscored Francisco Aparicio, eight.

▲**Ospedapetti.** Italian, Salvatore Fabrizio won the European bantamweight crown outscoring champion, Daniel Trioulaire, France, fifteen.

AUSTRIA

▲**Villach.** Junior middleweight. Josef Tiger Pachler outscored Henry Rhiney, Britain, ten.

BELGIUM

▲**Kalken.** Featherweight. Messaoud Bouachiba beat Mohammed Kani, TKO3. Welterweight. Ringo outscored Jean Pierre Heirman, six. Featherweight. Jean Pierre Meganck decisioned Eric Brysse, six.

ITALY

▲**Cagliari.** Welterweight. Marco Scano decisioned Mario Molina, Chile, eight. Lightweight. Antonio Puddu beat Nedo Fabbri, TKO7. Junior lightweight. Natale Caredda outscored Giuseppe Agate, eight.

▲**Empoli.** Vincenzo Burgio retained his Italian featherweight title outscoring Giancarlo Barabotti, twelve. Featherweight. Franco Siddu beat Alvare Checce, KO2. Middleweight. Mariano Salamone and Mario Favette drew their six rounder.

▲**Cavriago.** Junior lightweight. Mario Redi outscored Renzo Battistelli, eight.

▲**Siracusa.** Bantamweight. Salvatore Melluzzo outscored Ignazio Fara, six.

▲**Pistoia.** Welterweight. Vitorio Conte outscored Nicola D'Orazio, eight. Carmine Zello and Giuseppe Oppedisano drew their six rounder.

▲**Rimini.** Heavyweight. Alfio Righetti beat Terry Mintus, Britain, KO5. Garfield McEwan, Britain, outscored Marcello Betti, six.

▲**Latina.** Franco Zurlo won the vacant Italian bantamweight title beating Teodoro Corallo who retired in the tenth with a cut eye.

▲**Siane.** Welterweight. Ciro Seta outscored Augusto Lauri, six.

▲**Campi Bisenzio.** Featherweight. Salvatore Avella beat Lucio Vailati, who retired with a cut eye in round two.

▲**Viesta.** Aldo Traveraso held on to his Italian light heavyweight crown, beating Sergio Janilli, who retired with a cut eye in round five. Middleweight. Salvatore Russo and Mariano Salamone drew their six rounder.

▲**Civitanova.** Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Martinise beat Domencio Milone, who was disqualified in round seven.

▲**Chiavari.** Italian, Aldo Traversaro beat Antonio Galvez, Spain, KO3.

YUGOSLAVIA

▲**Belgrade.** Light heavyweight. Ennio Cometti outscored Jose Gomez, eight. Junior welterweight. Bruno Freschi decisioned Jose Luis Ribeiro, eight. Welterweight. Roy Kaba outscored Adriano Rodriguez, six.

GERMANY

▲**Timmendorf.** 18 year old, Jorge Eipel, who won the German welterweight title in June last, made a successful defense outscoring 35 year old Peter Voss over twelve rounds. The challenger was decked by a right in round twelve. Welterweight. Berlin based Turk, Ethem Ozakalin outpointed Boualem Belouard, Tunis, six. German Peter Scheibner beat fellow countryman Alfred Fries on points over six rounds. Light heavyweight. Peter Tombers, Germany, beat fellow country man, Klaus Fuchs, KOI.

▲**Berlin.** WBC junior middleweight champion, Eckhard Dagge, Germany, retained his crown outpointing American Emile Griffith over fifteen rounds before a crowd of eight thousand in the Berlin Deutschlandhalle.

BIFF CLINE SCORES KO

● *By LYNN WHITEHURST* ●

WINSTON-SALEM-N.C.-Biff Cline made it 13 in a row with a 59 second kayo over Ace Williams, Winston, Salem. Cline, from Washington D.C., kayoed Williams with a left hook to the boyd. Cline weight in at 176, Williams, 180.

Local featherweight Hilbert Stevenson, 126, scored a 12 round decision over Donald Norwood, to win the North Carolina featherweight championship.

Another local, Anthony House, scored a big win, when the welterweight stopped Charles Dula, Spartenbug, S.C., in the third round of their ten round bout.

Rounding out the card; Martin Ladson beat Billy McQuarry in six and Rudell Stephens outpointed Gary Barlow in six. All hail from Winston-Salem. The card was promoted by Big Tom Lawrence.

CARR KOS BETHAM FOR AUSTRALASIAN JR. MIDDLE TITLE

By R. C. Hall

▲**Dunedin—A 10 round middleweight clash marked its first professional contest for four years and resulted in a split decision win for Sopo Elisara over Tom Parch.**

▲ **Nelson**—In the first pro bout in that city for some time, ex-amateur star Jeff Rackley (161) won every round of the 8 rounder over 33 years old Eric Va'afasaga.

▲**Wellington**—Monty Betham, who, although a natural 154 pounder, holds the British Commonwealth middleweight title, was matched with Australia's second ranked 154 pounder Wally Carr for the vacant Australasian (Australia and New Xealand) junior middleweight title. The fight was expected to be a mere formality for the 23 year old New Zealand based Western Samoan boxer.

Betham took control of the fight right from the start and with his superior speed caught the 6 foot 1 inch Carr consistently with his left lead. After the first 5 rounds, all won by Betham, there was a sensation in the sixth. Midway through that round, Carr caught the New Zealand boxer with a great left hook to the jaw which dropped him. Betham got up at 9, but was down again under a fusillade of blows shortly later. This time he took an 8 court, but seconds after the resumption he was down again, at which point the referee stepped in and crowned the Australian. Both boxers weighed 154 and the defeat was a real setback for Betham, whose record is now 25-4. Carr, although only 21 years of age, was reputedly having his 64th professional fight.

In an 8 round preliminary fight, former amateur star Jeff Rackley (161) made it 4 straight wins as a pro by comfortably outpointing Viti Patterson (163).

▲ **Auckland**—A great bout was expected when Australian ace Hector Thompson (142) and New Zealand domiciled Western Samoan Ali Afakasi (145) met with Afakasi's Australasian welterweight title, which he won by beating Rocky Mattioli, at stake. However, this bout between these two skilled ring practitioners had a premature ending when Afakasi retired at the end of the 6th round with a badly cut right eyelid, the result of an accidental head clash earlier in that round. Thompson was ahead on points at the conclusion. The defeat left 28 years old Afakasi's record at 27-1-5 with 1 no contest.

Three rather drab preliminary fights preceded the main fight. All went their scheduled 6 round distance.

In a light heavyweight fight Sima Salanoa easily outpointed faded former amateur golden boy Lance Revill. In another light heavyweight fight Sam Taukapapa outpointed Kitty Ah Lam. Taukapapa, who shows promise, is now 6-2, while Ah Lam's record is a somewhat misleading 2-1-11. In the 3rd contest, a middleweight one, Vince Thomas outpointed George Pauli. In Christchurch, local boxer Sopo Elisara outpointed veteran Eric Va'afasa in a ten round middleweight fight.

ESTUPINAN NEW COLOMBIAN JR. FLY CHAMP

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

▲ **Cartagena.**—The Colombian Commissions of Professional Boxing impused a fine of $3,000.00 (US $90.00) on the managers Filemón Cañate Bernett of Colombia and Carlos Strusch, of Cuba, because they cheated the fans when adulterating the name of Panamanian boxer Ricardo Davis, who was presented as Julio Davis in his fight against the colombian Francisco "Yata" Durango, last month.

▲ **Sincelejo.**—Bernardino Rubio TKO'd Carlos Rebollo in the ninth-round. Both there are superbantams and Colombians.

-Luis Rivera registered a KO over Julio Sanjuán in the second round, in the lightweight class.

-Luis Ramos gave up in the fourth and lost to José Alfredo Jiménez, feathers.

-Alejandro Oviedo decisioned Manuel Bustos, feathers, in four rounds.

-Rafael Montes floored former challenger Bernardo Caraballo for the full count in the eighth round of a scheduled ten rounder.

▲ **Cartagena.**—Alirio Miramón, in the 6-round opener, 133 3/4, lost against Victor Junco, in the Jr. lightweight class.

-Enrique Pinto 119½, Cartagena, scored a technical knockout win over Miguel Espinosa, 119, Bogotá.

-Zeñón "Puya Nube" Silgado, in the Jr. welterweight division, in 10-router program, knocked out in the 3rd Milton Méndez.

-Ricardo Estupiñan Buenaventura became the Colombian Jr. flyweight champion, when he knocked out Hector Pinto, Cartagena, in the ninth round of a scheduled 12 rounder.

-Néstor "BAba" Jiménez, 120, Colombia, is the first Centroamerican superbantam champion. He scored a unanimous decision over Cleo Garcia, 120, Nicaragua, in a furious 12-round bout at the Bull Ring Cartagena de Indias" to win the title.

"Baba" Jiménez dominated the action after the first two rounds as he displayed the footwork and eliminated his opponent's advantage in height, reach and hittingpower.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweight
* Richard Dunn (GB)
1. Alfio Righetti (I)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Henny Thoonen (H)
7. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
8. Bepi Ros (I)
9. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
10. Rudi Lubbers (H)

Junior middles
* Vito Antuofermo (I)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jose Duran (S)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Rocky Mattioli (I)
5. Antonio Cassellini (I)
6. Damiano Lassandro (I)
7. Jore Bonnetaz (F)
8. Germano Valsecchi (I)
9. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
10. Marcel Giordanella (F)

Lightweights
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Fernand Roelands (B)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Vincent Burgio (I)
5. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. Pietro Meraviglia (I)
8. Oliviero Pierleoni (I)
9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Santino Reali (I)

Light heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yug)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Enni Cometti (I)
4. Harold Skog (N)
5. Omelio Grando (I)
6. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
7. Christian Poncelet (F)
8. Frencois Fiol (S)
9. Quintona Trujillo (S)
10. Freddy DeKerpel (B)

Welterweights
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Luciano Boracia (I)
2. Domenico DiJorio (I)
3. Giovanni Molesini (I)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Jacques van Mellaerst (F)
6. Alain Ruocco (F)
7. Georges Warusfel (F)
8. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
9. Horacio Ruiz (S)
10. Vittorio Conte (I)

Junior Lights
* Roland Cazeaux (F)
1. Rudi Haeck (B)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
3. Natale Vezzoli (I)
4. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
5. Roldolfi Sanchez (S)
6. Georges Cotin (F)
7. Miguel Molleda (S)
8. Gitano Jiminez (S)
9. Giuseppi Mura (I)
10. Giovanni Girgenti (I)

Middleweights
* Angelo Jacopucci (I)
1. Gratien Tona (F)
2. Jean Mateo (F)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Mario Romersi (I)
5. Roberto Benacquista (I)
6. Jules Bellaiche (F)
7. Poul Knudsen (D)
8. Frank Reiche (G)
9. Frank Wissenbach (G)
10. Claude Martin (F)

Junior welters
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Miguel Velasquez (S)
2. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
3. Primo Bandi (I)
4. Giancarlo Usai (I)
5. Bruno Freshi (F)
6. Jean Saadli (F)
7. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
8. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
9. Romano Fanali (I)
10. Efisio Pinna (I)

Featherweights
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Nino Jiminez (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Albert Amatler (F)
4. Michael Lefebvre (F)
5. Sergio Emili (I)
6. Michele Siracusa (F)
7. Nevio Carbi (I)
8. Ambogio Mariani (I)
9. Cecilio Lastra (S)
10. Guy Caudron (F)

Bantamweights
* Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
1. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Pedro Molledo (S)
4. Luigi Tessarin (I)
5. Fernando Bernardez (S)
6. Teodoro Corallo (I)
7. Lucio Vailati (I)
8. Gianni Garbo (I)
9. Rodriguez Figueroa (S)
10. Garcia Zaragata (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Farcisio Boi (I)
6. Mariano Garcia (S)
7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Daniel Charvet (F)
9. Dominique Cesari (F)
10. Filippo Belvedere (I)

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The late Davey Moore, front row with robe, is seen during training, at Los Angeles' Main St. Gym, for his last and fatal bout with Sugar Ramos, on March 21, 1963. Moore relinquished the world featherweight title when the fight was stopped in round 12.

THE FATAL NIGHT DAVEY MOORE MET SUGAR RAMOS

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The 18,000 fight fans that huddled together on the night of March 21, 1963, at Dodgers Stadium, saw a triple world championship card. But they were also to witness a tragedy; the last fight for featherweight champion Davey Moore.

There was nothing ominous about the prefight excitement to indicate death inside the ring. The huge crowd let out a loud cheer when ex-heavyweight king Joe Louis was introduced. Thrills and excitement gripped the huge ball park. In the opening bout, Cuban Luis Rodriquez outpointed Emile Griffith to capture the world's welterweight title in 15-rounds. Griffith was the prefight favorite, but his defeat followed the night's pattern—all three ring favorites lost!

Bedlam and turmoil raged when Cuban featherweight Sugar Ramos and champion Davey Moore entered the ring for the second championship encounter. This was the important fight the 18,000 fans had been waiting for. 28-year-old Moore had been champion nearly three years since stopping Hogan "Kid" Bassey for the title here.

The sunny California shores had been a lucky charm for Moore, but tonight his luck would change to tragedy and death. The fight story of the Moore-Ramos title match was the ancient tale of a fading champion losing to a new promising challenger.

Moore dominated the early rounds, outpunching and outboxing his younger 22-year-old adversary, but Ramos turned the tide of battle in the seventh round, landing hard right-hand shots to Moore's head that staggered Davey and dropped him for a two-count. Moore was dropped again in the eighth, but rallied in the 10th and 11th rounds to pull even in the bloody bout. Ramos' pulverizing shots to Davey's head had taken a devastating toll, and Moore was wobbly and hurt as the 12th round opened.

Sugar's relentless attack forced Moore into a corner where he pummeled the champion unmercifully until manager Willie Ketchum stopped the slaughter, and Sugar Ramos of Cuba was the new world's featherweight king!

In the dressing room Davey Moore did not appear hurt when he spoke to reporters. "This just wasn't my night. You fellows know that I can fight better than tonight," remarked Davey. "I'll fight Ramos again and win back my title. I haven't been beaten since Carlos Hernandez stopped me. It's kind of strange losing a fight. I've been fighting since I was a kid, and I've always been in condition. Maybe, I just didn't train hard enough. But I'll be back, it was just not my night," Davey repeated.

Shortly after leaving Dodger Stadium on the night of March 21, 1963, Davey Moore collapsed and was rushed to the hospital where he died three days later. Probably the most shocked and stunned person in the world was Sugar Ramos, the man who KO'd Moore.

"I liked Moore very much, he was a great champion," said Ramos. "I don't think that any fighter deliberately tries to hurt the other fighter in the ring. What happened to Davey was destiny. It's just one of those unfortunate things," Ramos related. Sugar Ramos was never the same fighter after the death of Moore. A year later he was knocked out in Mexico City and lost his title to Vicente Saldivar.

The 18,000 spectators who left the ball park were not aware of the drama and pathos that later took the life of Davey Moore. In the final match of the triple championship spectacular, Roberto Cruz KO'd Battling Torres in two rounds to win the world's junior lightweight title. It was Cruz's first Los Angeles ring appearance and probably the most surprising bout of the evening, since Torres was reputed to have the more sensational knockout punch of the pair. However, his chin was made of chinaware and Cruz exploded the Torres myth in six minutes.

For high tension and drama nothing surpasses the ill-fated night of March 21, 1963, the night Davey Moore fought his last ring battle. It was a boxing night to remember!

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Over the years horse racing has come in for a big share of the knocks. Everybody knows somebody who has gambled away a living, maybe a fortune, on the sport of kings. Recently I talked to a very solid citizen who told me, "If racing's the sport of kings, *I* never saw any kings out there!"

Again, I don't argue the point. Because I know what I know. I know that a prudent person who has a few dollars to spend can make a very handsome living at the track — with my secret, strictly — and I'll argue *that* point with anybody!

My secret is simple. So simple, in fact, that I am sure some of the so-called racing "experts" will sneer at my method *without* even investigating it. After all, that's human nature. But really, I don't feel bad . . . *why should I?* I have what they don't have . . . what no one has. The *secret* to a machine that virtually *prints money!*

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Where *has* "The System of the Century" been all this time? The answer: In my head. I've been in racing all my life, and in that time I've had good years and lean years. Over the years I have become progressively better at what I do: *win money at the races.* (Last year it made over $500,000 for me — yes, over a half-a-million bucks — and I'm only 33 years old!)

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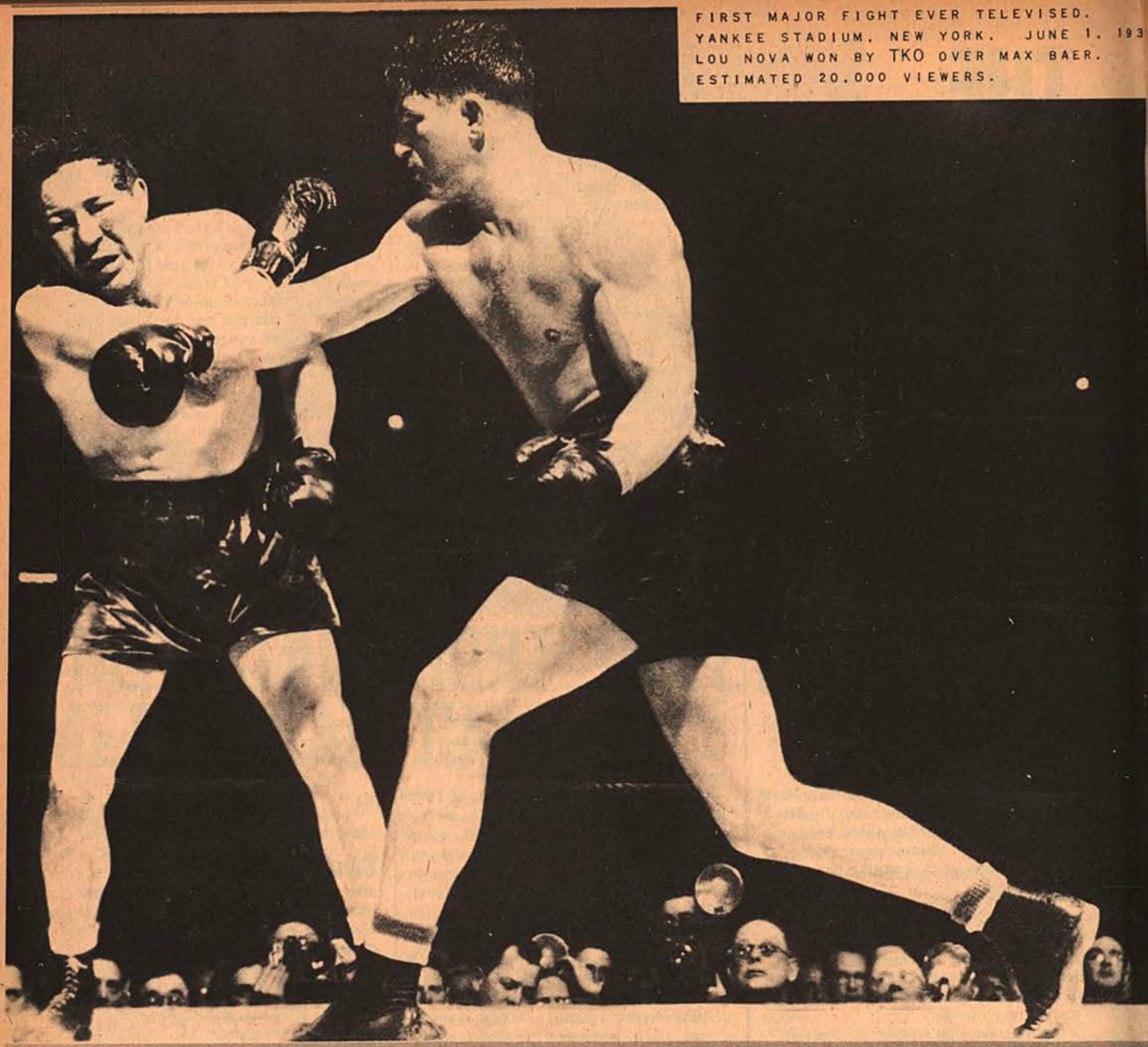

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By LOU NOVA

Ham Lorimer's Revenge

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I call the story Ham Lorimer's revenge, because Ham discovered Max Baer and started him on the glory road, and in a way was responsible for finishing the boxing career of Magnificent Maxie.

Ham Lorimer was the wealthy playboy son of the owner of the huge Lorimer Iron Works in Oakland, California. His favorite hobby was boxing.

One sunny day while visiting his father at the iron foundry, Ham looked out the office window and saw this handsome young giant picking up iron pigots like picking daisies.

Ham decided right then to have a talk with the young man about picking up a new way of life, such as becoming a heavyweight prizefighter.

It wasn't long before Max Baer, the young pigot picker, started working out at Harry Fine's gym in Oakland, and in a few months

had developed physically into one of the greatest physical specimens to ever tie on a boxing glove.

Max had all the equipment necessary to become a champion. Bob McCallister, who had fought Jack Dempsey, said that Max Baer hit harder than Dempsey. Max was bigger and stronger than Dempsey, and he was as handsome as movie idol Robert Taylor.

Max took the fight game like a seven foot man to basketball. He was a natural, and in a short time was the sensation of the Pacific Coast.

The Oakland Auditorium seated something over eight thousand, and was automatically sold out every time Max danced into the ring.

Playboy manager Ham Lorimer began to realize that he did not have the management know-how to promote a future world champion.

He began to look around for help. Ancil Hoffman was a highly qualified professional fight manager. Naturally he was delighted when Lorimer offered him half of his managerial contract to manage the magnificent young Max Baer.

Max fought one fight under the dual management of Lorimer and Hoffman, and then much to Lorimer's chagrin, Max Baer and Ancil Hoffman took off for parts east without as much as a "see you later baby."

Naturally Lorimer was furious with Ancil Hoffman and Max, and hired famous San Francisco attorney Joe Erlich to give 'em hell when they came back to California.

Ham was awarded $55,000 from Baer and Hoffman in the breach of contract suit, which was a good deal of money in 1933 when a meal in an expensive restaurant was $1.25, and a new Ford cost around four hundred dollars.

In 1934 I walked into Harry Fine's Gym in Oakland. I had no job that summer after finishing my first year at the University of California at Davis. I thought maybe I'd give boxing a try, as I had always been a pretty good all-around athlete.

I had no sooner walked out on the floor in my gym clothes than

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Former boxing foes Lou Nova, with moroccos, and Max Baer, dancing with singing star Dinah Shore, were caught together at a swank east-side club.

Of the Pacific Coast Amateur Champions who posed for this picture in 1934, it was heavyweight Lou Nova, top right corner, who went on to make the biggest mark in boxing by winning the World Amateur Title in Paris and the World Golden Gloves Championship.

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DAVILA NARROWLY TOPS BRACKETT

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

New England lightweight champion Louis Davila, of Hartford, was supposed to fight the Canadian lightweight champ here in Waterbury, but wound up with Jerry Brackett, New York. No one expected this "East Side Kid" to put up the terrific showing that he did for 10 exciting rounds. "This was only his fourth pro fight, but he's had over 100 amateur fights" boasted his proud manager and trainer, Lee Black.

Davila won a very close fight; it could have gone either way. The Judges saw a split decision for Davila.

Each fighter weighed 135 pounds.

In the semi-final of six rounds Charlie Polite, 225, of Springfield, who is nationally known for his world's title fight against the then champion, Bob Foster, and later on in a battle against heavy Champ George Forman, couldn't get started and lost in his bid for a comeback in an exciting fight with Bob Washburn.

Lee Black's other charge, Jerry Hayes, a 126-pounder from East Orange, New Jersey, found the range in round 2 of a sixer and TKO'ed "hapless" Francesco Maldanado, 129, of Lowell, Massachusetts. Maldanado went down for the third time and this prompted Walt Longo, the referee, to save him from further punishment.

Jeff Holmes, a strong and powerful 144-pounder from New York City, showed speed, power and know-how as he trounced Dan Daniels, 139, of Newark, New Jersey, in six interesting rounds.

In the opener, another close fight saw Julio Garcia, 143, of Newark win a four-round victory over Freddy Fernandes, 144, of Somers, Connecticut.

▲**Wallingford:** In ever so close title fight Vinny "Pookey" Debarros, 135, of Waterbury finally won the title he had sought and lost in two previous tries.

In a close but unanimous decision handed down by two judges and a referee, Debarros was acclaimed the winner over Davilla. The decision was bitterly disputed by many along with Davilla's manager Atty, Mack Buckley who began shouting "We were robbed," finally started mumbling "Wait till next time," as he faded into the dressing room obviously hurt and disappointed over what he believed was a raw decision!

▲**In other results:** Classy Dick Eklund, 142, of Boston, unanimously decisioned a pretty good local lad, Randy Milton, 142. During the final moments of round six Milton was floored for a nine count, but even with that knock down this classiest of newcomers in years was way ahead!

Another local favorite, Joe Maye, 199, of Hartford also bit the dust as he too lost a unanimous decision to a "spoiler" from Portland, Maine, by the name of Maca Foley.

Dave Huckaby, 154, of Hartford, was hoping for a "new lease on life" as he hammered out a lopsided six round decision over befuddled D.C. Walker, 154, of New Haven during his exciting come back bid in six interesting rounds.

"Dave Huckaby" is remember for his disputed 10 rounds loss to number two would middleweight contender Vito Autuofermo, of Ittay in Bristol, Connecticut, about a year ago.

In the opening bout Otis Gordon, 170, of Somers, KOed an out of shape Peachy Davis, 166, of Hartford, in the second canto of the scheduled 4 rounder.

▲**Peabody, Massachusetts** — In a ferciously fought ten round Welterweight contest at the "Famous Golden Banana," green and unskilled, Billy Duquette at 154 pounds, Brocton, Massachusetts, and gallant, Franky DeVilla, 155, of nearby Lowell, fought ten grueling rounds to a well earned draw! The crowd, (a packed house again) were rooting hysterically, for each of their favorite gladiators throughout this pleasing bout. When it was all over two judges voted for a draw and the referee voted for DeVilla.

In the semi-final of six rounds Jimmy Farrel, 128 of Rockland, Maine, won a split decision over unhappy Seymour Shepard, 131, of Hartford. It was an even fight going into the final round, and Shepard was warned by his manager Jacky Maddox to pour it on, but for some reason Seymour didn't pay any attention to the warning and at the end of the round every one there knew he blew the fight.

Ray James, 172 of Rochester, New Hampshire, made a gorey mess out of a Bridgeport trail hourse by the name of Dave Murphy, who was seven pounds lighter at 165. The split decision went in favor of Ray James, who has built up quite a local following.

Dave Romalho, 120 of Lynn, Massachusetts, won a lopsided decision over the game but out classed Johnny Melko, 117, from Peabody. If given the right equipment and some tutoring, Melko, a big hearted little guy, could develop into a good local crowd pleaser.

In the opener, Billy Wilson, 159 of Lowel, Massachusetts, lost a 1 point decision to Robert "Gino" Santos, 152, of Brocton, in four good rounds.

TONY GREEN DRAWS WITH MIKE QUARRY

By HANK KAPLAN

▲**Miami Beach, Florida** — In a good scrap which did not surprise the Tony Green loyalists, the popular Miamian at 169½, emerged with a draw against the more experienced Mike Quarry, 177½, Orlando, Florida. The Miami Beach Convention Hall feature ended in controversy mainly by the Quarry contingent with a claim their man was a clear winner. Quarry boxed sharply but appeared more cautious than usual while Tony Green, in only his fifth comeback contest, seemed to be more aggressive, and convincingly the harder puncher. This verdict marked the second draw against ranked lightheavies for Tony Green as in a recent contest he split with Avemar Peralta. Tony Green picked up in experience as his record now reads 16-4-2 while Quarry, who once challenged Bob Foster for the lightheavyweight title, is now 57-6-4. Quarry lost little status with the local fans despite the tight judging while Tony Green boosted his chances for advancement among the World lightheavies for his commendable showing.

In a ten round scheduled companion feature, Edgar (Mad-Dog) Ross, 160, Orlando, was a TKO victor over Nat King, 160, Douglas, Georgia in round 6. Nat King, usually a two-fisted battler was bothered by bad eye cuts and swelling during their rough tussle. Ross demonstrated ruggedness and hard punching ability on the inside. The ringside physician advised that King refrains from answering the bell for round six.

In a scheduled four rounder, Yves Charlotin, 137, Port of Prince, Haiti, connected with a classic left hook to the abdomen of Jack Hughes, 143, Kalamazoo, Michigan, to end the contest in round two.

In a scheduled four round contest, E.E. Ray, 150, New York City, came back from a first round knockdown to stop T. C. Bellamy, 155¼, Miami, in round four. This was Ray second win in local rings.

In another bout scheduled for 4 rounds, Bernie Cavanaugh, 142, Miami, made short work of his chore by belting out Valentine Mehling, 144, New York.

▲**Word received from Angelo Dundee while at Showlow, Arizona, indicates that Muhammad Ali is in top shape and Angelo predicts that Ali will stop Norton in their third meeting at New York's Yankee Stadium** . . . . Miami's boxing community felt the loss of the passing of Billy Lauderdale, prominent Miami scrapper during the active fifties. The popular 43 year old welterweight who boxed Willie Pep, Jimmy Carter and Johnny Greco among 84 other contests, was managed by Jerry White. The rugged Lauderdale, who became a successful Broward County building contractor, was never counted out during his career and appeared once in Madison Square Garden meeting the then highly-touted Larry Baker . . . . Former lightweight champion, Jimmy Goodrich helped to celebrate his 55th Wedding Anniversary by attending a meeting of former ringmen in Miami Beach and there meeting with old opponent Jackie Schupak, and old ring buddies Tom Heeney, Jackie Pilkington and Jerry White . . . . In a professional show at the For Lauderdale Armory, Bobby Lloyd stopped Lee Royster during round ten of a light heavyweight feature with the balance of the show being made up of Karate exhibitions and duels . . . . Plenty of amateur action at the Elizabeth Varrick Gym under the direction of Dick Lee with main-events bringing forth the following results: Joe Grey, 139, pounded out a close decision over Martin Ryles, 135; heavyweight Peter Bonfiglio was adjudged the winner over Robert Nunn; Cliff Grey, 116, gained a unanimous duke over Alan Dalton, 111; and Ritchie Lee Roberts, 145, won the unanimous decision over Van Jackson, 147, in a series of exciting Summer shows . . . . Kenny Klingman, Miami welterweight, will box under the aegis of Sully Emmett under the pseudonym of Billy Conn, Jr. . . . . Emmett's other protege, Jimmy Owens, smooth boxing junior middleweight now has three in a row to his credit since departing the U. S. Navy . . . . Boxing personalities Billy Kilgore, former champ Petey Scalzo, Phil Delmont, Marty Fuller and super girl boxer of the fifties, Barbara Buttrick, all showed up at Chris Dundee's last boxing show . . . . With the apparent ascendency of women in the boxing ring, the once great Barbara Buttrick, is forming a group for schooling and training for future ring activity . . . . Frankie Otero is training seriously for a comeback and lightweight action . . . . Doc McLendon and Hector Medina were a hot sparring duet at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym . . . . Promoter Chris Dundee just announced the next Roberto Duran title defense against Alvaro Rojas of Costa Rica to be held at the Hollywood Sportatorium along with George Foreman meeting Dino Dennis . . . .

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BOXING BACK IN CLEVELAND

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Professional boxing is coming back to Cleveland in a big way as Ed Sweeny opens a series of shows at the Cleveland Public Hall. Ed is the developer of Soctron, the computer scoring system. Dave Ott, Chairman of the Cleveland Boxing Commission, has announced that Soctron will now be recognized as the official scoring procedure for all Cleveland boxing matches. Ed has plans for weekly offerings.

Big Jim Beatty, St. Paul heavy weight, who was a contender some seven years ago is making a come back at age 34. Jim has obtained financial backers and is making up his own shows. The big man is in excellent condition. His goal is a State Title fight with Duane Bobick.

The Archie Griffin Enterprises, headed by Archies brother, will promote pro boxing in Columbus and Dayton. Such good battlers as Bill Douglas, Vonsel Johnson, Voo Doo Averette and Casey Gacic will be featured in their main events. Archie, now a member of the Cincinnati Bengals, has always been a great boxing fan.

Henry Grooms is drawing good crowds for his monthly shows at Kalamazoo. With some outstanding talent, such as Len Hutchins, Floyd Mayweather, Lionel Ford, John Baldwin, Jimmy Owens, Greg Coverson, Bruce Grandham and Richard Roselle, Grooms can promote big time boxing shows at small club prices.

At Pikeville, 1480 fans turned out to see Mayfield Pennington, 178, Pikeville, win a 4 round unanimous decision over Tom Fisher, 207, Dayton, Ohio, in the main pro bout. Paul Sullivan, 160, Pikeville, won a 4 round decision from Jerry Montovan, 161, Portsmouth, Ohio. Eight amateur bouts filled out the card. John Tanner, over at Beckley, West Virginia, is drawing crowds of 1000 to 2000 for his monthly amateur shows.

Bobby "Little Iron Man" Plegge, a fighting farm boy from Salem Ohio, is one of the most popular fighters in the area. He has made a big hit everywhere he has appeared. Bobby is a 138 pounder who carries the fight to his opponent. He is twenty one years of age, and a good body puncher.

Two veteran heavy weights are back in training, Rufus Brazil, of Lima Ohio, and Danny Lee, of Louiseville Kentucky. Brazil is managed by Gary Ackers, of Lima. Bud Bruner, the dean of Kentucky trainers, is the trainer-manager of Lee.

Frank Luca, manager and trainer of Earnie Shavers, rated Warren Ohio, heavyweight, has opened a new modern gym in Youngstown. Shavers is a big attraction, and lots of interest has developed as the fans flock in to see big Earnie work out.

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RON LYLE READY FOR BIG ONE

By ANNE BIGLEY

From New York to Los Angeles many boxing fans have been speculating and asking, where has Ron Lyle gone since his well renoun bout with George Foreman in Las Vegas? The answer to such a question can only be taken for granted. Ron is alive, training, and ready to fight. Ready to give the viewing public the same caliber of fight, Ron has always fourhg.

Upon interviewing Ron, he confided in me that his battle to become the heavyweight champion will be launched by a new and very professional team. At the top of the ladder will be Ron, the fighter, Ron's brother Bill Lyle, who is his manager, and Sammy Boardman, a long time boxing man, who will be a viable link as Ron's trainer and boxing advisor. To interview these three, was only equal to the feeling of being with three content kids on Christmas Eve. All three feel reassured that their close association with Ron, can only develop into a winning ticket.

Ron's fights with Ali, Foreman, and Shavers leaves very little doubt in any one's mind, that his future will be determined by his greatness, and his determination to be No. 1. To quote Bill Lyle, "The real boxing fans are tired of the Ali tap-tap and of shows such as Ali v.s. Inoki, and want to see real shows like George and Ron put on in Las Vegas.

Ron is not hesitant about the fact that he wants Foreman back in the ring. He believes a Foreman-Lyle match in Denver could sell every seat in the McNichlas Arena. It will be interesting to see whether the hands of destiny will again hold back the strong hands of Lyle. As a man, and respected professional, Ron believes, and I quote, "I'm in shape and I'm ready to fight any contenders at any time when the price is right." I am no longer a preliminary boxer, and I will not fight for preliminary purses. I no longer have to prove how touch I am, because I know how tough I am. I've been stabbed, shot at, pronounced dead twice, had a broken nose, and busted lips, but still I fear no man.

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GOMEZ BEATS PHILIPPINE CHAMP

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Stockton — It isn't often that one gets to see such an exciting brawl, but Famosa Gomez, a veteran world class featherweight, and Colly Saloma, Philippine featherweight champion, provided Northern California fans with one at the Stockton Memorial Auditorium. Both fighters went to their limit, both were fiercely determined. But Gomez had the greater boxing talent; he outwitted and outslugged Saloma to win a unanimous ten round decision.

Stockton is one of those rare towns in America. Not a large city by any means, but it's a legitimate fight town, a mecca for tough, competitive boxing matches. The local fans support well conditioned fighters who have the heart and the blood lust. The city and its subculture of boxing was best described in the novel "Fat City" by Leonard Gardner. It was later made into a well known movie.

Gomez, a good example of a Mexican fighter, has defeated Danny Lopez, Art Hafey, and ex-bantam champion Rafael Herrera. He's an aggressive, tricky, brave, seasoned professional. He's got more moves than a snake on a hot sidewalk. Colly Saloma was the strong, stalking, young, head-hunting puncher. It was felt by many that he would beat Gomez. The Mexican was supposed to be a little too far gone for a strong fighter on the way up. This was the Philippine champion's first encounter with a world class opponent.

Colly Saloma did very well. He pressed in every round, he extended him, chased after him, threw a thousand punches at him. But oh was the Mexican crafty. He could probably slip punches in his sleep. He beat Saloma, it was a hard earned decision.

The fans in Stockton really get involved. Each fighter seems to bring with him his own cheering section. The walls echo and shake from the heavy shouting. The rounds go by so fast they seem cut in half. Over fifteen hundred fans showed up and they paid $11,020. The show had lively and interesting preliminaries, something that's pretty rare in Northern California.

In the opening six rounder Ronnie Whyte, 172, won by a knockout over Fred Gilbert, 167, after three rounds. Gilbert was unable to come out for the fourth round.

In another six rounder, very promising Reynaldo Zaragoza, 128, from Stockton, let Gustavo Sauedo, 132, from Michoacan, Mexico, shoot his best shot and then he knocked him out. The knockout punch was delivered with the bell ending the first round.

In the remaining six rounder Jose Talamantez, 136, from San Jose, had to settle for a draw against strong but reckless Freddie Larona, 139, from Fresno. It appeared that Talamantez would get his seventh professional victory in seven starts but the officials, vigilent and wise, called it a draw.

Promoter Al Nunes and matchmaker Jack Cruz are doing right in developing local talent in the preliminaries. They plan to continue to bring in world class fighters for Stockton boxing fans.

ROY JOHNSON DECISIONS SENNATT

By FRED BISHOP

Roy Johnson, 147, Halifax, by way of Jamaica outpointed Donnie Sennatt, 144, Brockton, Mass. Over 10 rounds in the eastern New Brunswick town before a full house of over 1500 for a good gate of over $6,000. Johnson, a classy boxer, had things just about his own way, taking eight of the 10 rounds.

In a six round semi-final Ulysse Doiron, 170 Moncton, N.B, outpointed Wayne Martin, 180, Moncton. This was a fast-paced fight with the ring wise Doiron winning convincingly throughout.

In another six, Al Clark, 140, Halifax stopped Wayne Courmier, 138, in the second round.

In four rounds, Gordie Gallant, 185, Moncton (better known as a hockey player with Quebec of the W.H.A.) hung a third round kayo on Dave Malbe, 180, Boston, while in the opener, a four round exhibition between Ahmet Tosci, 136, White Plains, N.Y., and promoter Armand Belliveau, went over the big with the fans.

KATES KO'S RUCKER IN 2

By NIGEL COLLINS

Atlantic City, N.J. — Light heavyweight contender Richie Kates knocked out Don Rucker at 2:19 of the second round at Convention Hall. It was Kate's first start since losing to Victor Galindez in a WBA title bid. The 24 year old Kates, from Bridgeton, N.J., showed no ill effects from that brutal South African brawl.

Rucker, 177, from Buffalo, came to fight. He engaged Kates, also 177, in a lively punch-up before Richie's overall class took over.

The loser went down head over heels after fieldinv several combinations. Don was out cold for several minutes.

In another scheduled ten Alfonso Hayman got back on the winning track with a fifth-round KO over Johnny Davis.

Davis, 149, made Hayman work for his win. The game New Yorker landed a number of head punches in the early going. Hayman, 149, posed and looked pretty.

The Philadelphian started to find the range with his hard right hand in the fourth and it was then only a matter of time. The end came at 2:20 of the fifth after Alfonso nailed his adversary with a straight right to the chin.

South Philly's Tony Tassone, 158, stayed unbeaten with a 6-round nod over old timer Nikita Tarhocker, 155. The wiley Tarhocker gave Tassone a good workout, using his edge in experience to last the distance.

Despite splitting the seat of his trunks, Atlantic City's Tyrone Demby, 148, decisioned Johnny Cooper, 147 of Philadelphia, over four brisk rounds.

Dan Snyder, a 152 pound lefty from Philadelphia, beat Robert "Hurrican" Hart, 153, over four. It was close, buy Snyder got through with a few more shots.

Ray Kates, 164, opened the show with an easy first-round TKO over Earl Harris, 156 of N.Y.C. Ray is Richie's younger brother.

The card was televised by United CATV Network. J. Russell Peltz' promotion drew a live crowd of 1,089 who paid $5,952.

FRANKLIN KO'S WALKER

By JIM LEO

At Scranton, Pa., in the top feature light heavyweight Matt Franklin, registered a fourth round t.k.o. win over Bobby Walker of Somers, Conn. Franklin, at 177, a young light heavy controlled the contest from the beginning and then in round four Matt, dropped walker three times as good body shots took their toll. Referee Hank Cisco, signaled a halt at 1:57 of the fourth coming to the rescue of the game Walker, at 180. Franklin upped his record to 15-1-1. The match was scheduled for ten.

In another 10 rounder, **Ralph Palladin,** 157, Riverdale, Maryland, a Scranton favoirte, gained a unanimous decision over **Jimmy Savage,** 161, of Philadelphia. The bout not too exciting, though the officials thought Palladin did more than Savage to earn the nod. The bout was scored, 49-42, 46-45, and 46-43, all for Palladin, whose record now is 27-3-2. Savage dipped to 16-7-1.

In a six rounder, **Al Yasbeck,** 170, Philadephia, came back in the second round to put his opponent, **Jessie Wilson,** 164, Hartford, Connecticut, through the ropes, Wilson going through as he backed away from a right hand. Wilson, suffered a hip injury in the process, and Yasbeck, was declared the winner with two minutes left in the second round. The bout was set for six.

In another six rounder **Guy Gargan,** Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, at 156 was a winner after the fourth round when his foe, **Freddie Hernandez,** 149, Hartford, Conn., failed to answer the bell for the fifth round. Gargan held the upper hand throughout the scrap. In a four rounder, West Scranton's **Jerry Foley,** 185, dropped **Kenny Jones,** 177, New Haven, Connecticut, three times in the opening round and was a winner after 2:37 of the first.

The card of boxing put together by the P J Boxing Club, with Paul Ruddy, matchmaker drew a rather small house of 800 who paid in $3500.

GUTIERREZ TOPS KORNELE

By JIM NOLAND

Surely if two steamrollers collided one would give way. Well, at least that's what one would expect.

Hometown Ricky Gutierrez, 128½, and Jerry Kornele, 127, of Houston rammed head on for ten surprising rounds. Guitierrez displayed the hardest and cleanest punches. Kornele's head frequently snapped back several times in succession fron a volley of left hooks and right uppercuts. Determined, Kornele replied with solid body shots. Each man threw countless punches as referee Norman Stein let them punch it out with only one invervening break. Gutierrez was declared the unanimous victor as he and his opponent stood amidst twenty-give dollars in change from the delighted fans. Gutierrez is now 9-0-1. Kornele is 16-5-1.

San Antonian Gaby "Bulldog" Cantera, 125, upset, and in the process crucified, Tony Sanchez, 131, of Houston in the other half of a double main event. The awesome Cantera dropped Sanchez once in the second and again in the third for a technical knockout.

Bantamweight Harrison Kiger, San Antonio, decisioned Antonio Rivera, Houston, in six. Kiger is 7-1.

San Antonian light welters split 50-50 with Fort Worth. Joe Escalante was unfortunate as a closed eye caused the referee to halt the contest in the 5th awarding it to the visitor, Phillip Sotello. Robert Vasquez won on points in four against willing Robert Yijerina.

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HAM LORIMER'S REVENGE

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Ham Lorimer came over and introduced himself. Naturally I was very impressed and flattered that the famous Ham Lorimer had spotted me immediately. Incidentally Ham was one of the nicest people I have ever known.

He introduced me to Harold Broom, who was a trainer of fine reputation, and three days later I signed a managerial contract with Ham Lorimer, and of course Harold Broom became my trainer.

From the start of our friendship Ham Lorimer said that some day I would beat Max Baer for him. I don't think Ham really hated Baer and Hoffman, but he did feel that they had done him wrong.

Fortunately I upheld Hams faith in my ability, and proceeded to win the amateur championship of California, the Pacific Coast, the United States, and the World Amateur Title in Paris, France. I also defeated the World Golden Gloves Champion, Otis Thomas, of Chicago, for the World Golden Gloves Championship. Otis Thomas had previously beaten Joe Louis in the amateurs.

I had become the World Amateur Champion in my fifteenth fight, a record that may never be broken. George Foreman came the closest when he won the Olympic Title in his twentieth fight.

Again Ham Lorimer thought he had the makings of a heavyweight champion, and he knew he was not really a professional fight manager.

Ray Carlen, an old friend of Ham's and a fight manager for German heavyweight Hans Birkie and lightweight Frankie Klick, two fighters of something less than championship calibre, was delighted when Ham offered to sell him my contract.

Ham came east to see my fight with Max Baer at the Yankee Stadium in 1939, which incidentally was the first major fight ever televised.

Ham's prediction that some day I would beat Max Baer for him came true that night. Max lost by a technical knockout in the eleventh round. He was badly beaten.

Ham died of cancer about a year later. Baer, Hoffman, and Lorimer are gone, but the story lives.

ALI-NORTON #3

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back in 1935 when Jim Braddock defeated Max Baer over fifteen rounds. This gives a boxing historian some idea of how hard it is for a challenger to win under these conditions. A challenger must take charge and win handily if he is to gain the title. Norton was the aggressor, but his lack of punching power in this contest and his lack of effective hitting made the fight a very close one and too close for him to gain the nod. The referee, Arthur Mercante, had it 8-6-1 for Ali with the two judges, Harold Ledderman and Barney Smith, tabbing it the same, 8 to 7 for Ali.

The spectators who paid from $25 to $200 numbered 30,298 and the paid attendance was given out as $2.4 million as the "live gate."

Michael Burke, the President of Madison Square Garden stated that if the theater television lived up to expectations that the total gate could reach $12 million, which would mean that Ali could take home some $6.5 million.

Ali was guaranteed $6 million with a percentage on everything over $9 million. Norton's take home pay is $1 million and a percentage of everything over $9 million. Not a bad pay night.

Immediately after the fight, Ali indicated that he might retire, since as the retired undefeated champion he would become a minister in his religion with an obvious influence that might be diminished with the loss of his title.

However, after further reflection he said that his next outing will probably be with George Foreman. Asked if he would give Norton a return engagement, Ali said, "I can't see what for . . . . It's all settled, isn't it?"

Ali did indicate that he is seriously considering retirement after giving Foreman a shot at his title.

Earnie Shavers returned to the heavyweight contender ranks last night by registering a second round knockout against Henry Clark in the feature preliminary. Shavers, 213 pounds, Warren, Ohio, pummelled Clark, 222, San Francisco, from the opening bell.

Johnny LoBianco, the referee, stopped the scheduled 10 round bout after 2:18 of the second round with Clark sagging against the ropes in his corner.

In a scheduled 10 round middleweight bout, Mike Rossman, 165½, of Turnersville, New Jersey, stopped Christy Elliott, 165, of Dublin, Ireland, at 1:59 of the third round. Elliott was defenseless in a corner when referee Herbie Kronowitz stopped the fight.

James J. Woody, heavyweight, was also a third round loser in a scheduled 4 round bout. Woody, 207, of the Bronx, was stopped by Bernardo Mercado, 215, Reno, Nevada.

Gilbert Acuna, 205, of Costa Rica, was impressive in registering a first round knockout over Peter Muller, 224, of Brooklyn, after 78 seconds. Kronowitz invoked the three knockdown rule, automatically ending the battle

In other scheduled 4 round bouts, Bill Sharkey, 191½, of Long Island, was awarded a decision over Joe Maye, 195, of Hartford Connecticut, and Otie Gordon, 172, also of Hartford, stopped Kevin Smith, 175, of Jersey City, after 2:08 of the first round.

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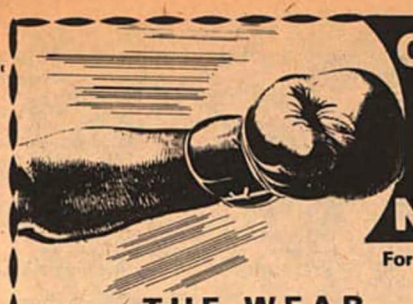

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PETRONELLI KO'S BENJAMIN IN 4

By DON HAMILL

PEABODY—Golden Banana Club—Tony Lopes, 146, Brockton, and Gerald Bouchard, 153, Montreal, ended up all even after ten gruelling rounds. Lopes got off to an edge in the first round with his speed. The aggressive Canadian crowded Lopes and held the upperhand for the next three rounds. Lopes took command from the fifth round on and appeared to have built up an edge.

A much improved Billy Duquette, 156, Brockton, outscored Ritchie Zarbatany, 156, Montreal, all the way to pick up a clear cut six round unanimous duke in the semi-final. Do DeFayette, 139, Dighton, outlasted Michelle Rouleau, 139, Montreal, in a hard fought six rounder to earn a unanimous decision. Jimmy Farrell, 126, Rockland, fought a heady fight to what appeared to be a clear cut six round win over Seymour Shepard, 126, Hartford, but had to settle for one of the split variety. Dave Murphy, 167, Bridgeport, survived a rough first round, came back strong enough to stop Chris Samo, 171, Brockton, who could not come out for the third round.

▲ **NORTH PROVIDENCE Arena**—Highly ranked boxers Tony Petronelli and Marvin Hagler had the headline bout given to a pair of female pugilists over their bouts. The show did not need the gimmick of the girls. Their bout was scheduled as for the Women's Lightweight Championship. Champion Cathy (Cat) Davis, 131, Seattle, Washington successfully defended her title against the challenges of Patty Patterson, 133, South Carolina, by stopping her in the third round. The bout had all of the sincerity of professional wrestling. When it was time for the knockout punch Ms. Patterson closed her eyes, winced, braced herself, and held up her chin. Rhode Island boxing commissioner, Ed Goodwin, was besieged with complaints right after the show.

Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, had his hands full before he stopped Charley Benjamin, 142, Hartford, in the fourth round. Petronelli, ring rusty, was tagged several times with the youngster's heavy artillery. in the fourth round Benjamin was dropped and arose very hurt. He was unable to protect himself and Referee Martin Taber halted the bout.

Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, repeated an earlier win when he stopped D. C. Walker, 158, New Haven, in the sixth round. Hagler enjoyed a workout at Walker's expense. When he upped the tempo of the attack he was able to hit Walker at will. Referee Larry Bolvin wisely halted the bout. A pair of scheduled four rounders failed to materialize.

▲ **PEABODY**—Golden Banana Club—Jacie Smith, 155, Brockton, won a hard earned ten round unanimous decision over veteran Frankie Davilla, 155, Hartford. The much improved Smith repeatedly manuevered himself into a position to score well with head and body blows. Smith was cut over his right eye in the eighth round. There were no knockdowns although both were shaken.

Al Romano, 151, North Adams, looking much like his old self racked up a third round TKO when Joe DeFayette, 145, Dighton, was forced to quit because of a fractured jaw. A solid right was the damaging punch. Romano was ahead on points in what was slated as the eight round semi-windup. Billy Duquette, 163, Brockton, pitched a shutout in copping all six heats to decision Dave Murphy, 165, Bridgeport. Ron Drinkwater, 200, Malden, had an easy time disposing of Tim Murphy, 183, Bridgeport, in two stanzas. Ray James, 175, Rochester, N.H., turned pro with a four round split decision over dangerous Manny Freitas, 173, Lowell. David Ramalho, 112, Lowell, stopped Jose Roman Montanez, 114, Lawrence, with a single punchinch, a right to the jaw in the second round. Montanez is the same fighter who tangled with Ramalho in the latter's pro debut.

▲ **PEABODY** — Golden Banana Club — Beau Jaynes, 147, Lowell, was awarded a ten round split decision over late hour substitute, Jim Henry, 148, Montreal. The decision did not set well with the fans. Henry started slowly and consistently eluded Jaynes' right hands. Henry is a good counter-puncher and scored well with clear shots. Jaynes' buzzsaw tactics caught the eye of the officials.

Ron Drinkwater, 205, Malden, disposed of Dave Marshall, 194, Salem, in two rounds of the six round semi-final. Ray James, 173, Rochester, N.H., halted Tom LeBlanc, 182, Salem, in the third round of the other six spot. In slated fours: Seymour Shepard, 130, Hartford, stole the show with a sparkling performance in winning over Francisco Maldonado, 130, Lowell; Wilfredo Torres, 153, Lowell, won on a fourth round TKO when Mike Apostoles, 149, Peabody, had to bow out because of an eye cut; and Jimmy Corkum, 142, Brockton, annihilated Don Godfrey, 149, Lowell, in the opening round.

▲**PEABODY** — Billy Duquette, 159, Brockton's Belting Bartender, battled to a draw in ten rounds with veteran Frankie Davilla, 155, Hartford but now fighting out of Lowell. It was a good action bout with the control of the bout seesawing back and forth. The action was fast and hard as the pair battled head to head. There were no knockdowns nor was either fighter in trouble.

Jimmy Farrell, 128, Rockland, captured the last three rounds to earn his second victory over Seymour Shepard, 131, Hartford, in the six round semi-final. It was a split duke with one of the officials casting a draw ballot. Ray James, 172, Rochester, N.H., scored an easy six round win over Dave Murphy, 165, Bridgeport. Bob Santos, 152, Lowell, outgunned Billy Wilson, 149, Lowell, in one four rounder, and in the other, Dave Ramalho, 112, Lowell, scored a lop-sided win over Johnny Melko, 120, Lynn.

▲**WATERBURY Armory** — Vinnie DeBarros, 135, Waterbury, successfully defended his New England lightweight title by taking a unanimous ten round decision over Tommy Rose, 133, Sherborn. Vinnie proved to be too strong for the challenger. After the hard-hitting Rose built up a lead with his counter-punches, DeBarros slowed him to a walk with a solid body attack. Rose scored the only knockdown in the fifth with a right to the jaw.

In the six round semi-final, Charlie Benjamin, 144, Hartford, was awarded a roundly booed unanimous duke over Steve Toomey, 145, Waterbury, in a hard fought battle. Jesse Wilson, 169, Somers, was awarded a TKO when Dr. John Urichio of Hartford kept Sonny Asani, 166, Naugatuck, for answering the bell for the fourth round because of a bad cut under his chin. Dave Wilson, 201, Waterbury, scored a third round knockdown in edging out Johnny Blaine, 190, Bridgeport, by a four round split decision. Eddie Phillips, 194, Somers, took a four rounder from Curtis Whitener, 203, Boston, in the opener.

▲**PEABODY** — Beau Jaynes, 145, Lowell, regained the New England welterweight championship when he eked out a close ten round decision over Tony Lopes, 146, Brockton. Jaynes was the aggressor throughout while Lopes scored well with counters. Both were shaken. Condition proved to be the factor as Jaynes finished strong enough to tip the balance in his favor. As with their four previous bouts it was packed with action.

Ron Drinkwater, 200, Malden, scored a TKO when Billy Brown, 180, New York, with a left hook. The latter bumped his head hard on the ring floor and the bout was stopped. Jimmy Farrell, 128, Rockland, outboxed and outpunched Francisco Maldonado, 128, Lowell, in six rounds. Jimmy Corkum, 145, Brockton, continued to be impressive as he clobbered Carlos Rodriguez, 150, Lowell, for four rounds. Curtis Goines, 178, New York, outgunned Ray James, 170, Rochester, N.H., to edge him by a split four round decision. Bob Santos, 150, Brockton, scored a last round knockdown and Wilfredo Torres, 151, Lowell, was saved by the bell. Santos had to settle for a decision when the final bell robbed him of a knockout.

▲**LEFT JABS** — Former Waterbury boxer-manager-promoter Bobby Kelly celebrated his 80th birthday. He still looks fit enough to go a few rounds . . . . Mike Caggiano, East Boston amateur welterweight, has his eye on a pro career. He is under the aegis of Johnny Gagliardo . . . . Mike Thomas, Springfield lightweight, and Golden Glove champ, is turning pro. Pat Bartlett and Matt Mullane will be guiding him . . . . Al Rose, father of Tommy Rose, was a welterweight of promise. Restrictions of members of his town's fire department engaging in boxing forced him into retirement.

GENE WELLS NIPS CURTO

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

ORLANDO, Florida.—In a hotly contested battle of world ranked contenders, Irish Gene Wells, 157½, nipped Vinnie Curto, 158½, Miami, in the 10-round main event at the Sports Stadium.

Wells, No. 6 junior middleweight according to THE RING, just edged Curto, the No. 10 WBA middleweight challenger. The sole scorecard was rendered by imported referee Lew Eskin, who tabbed it 96-94 Wells. The Curto camp had stipulated that an outside official be the only judge, and recommended Eskin.

Neither man was down, but both suffered slight nicks under their left eyes. Curto's face was bruised and battered later, while Wells was relatively unmarked.

In registering his biggest win to date, the 32-year-old Wells improved his record to 49-8-4. Curto, 21, slipped to 20-4-2.

In the dressing room, Curto and co-manager Angelo Dundee raised holy hell in protest to the decision. Vinnie threw chairs around, and flung his gloves outside into the rain. The crowd itself seemed divided on the decision, and gave each fighter a rousing ovation.

It was the first time since the 1973 Mike Quarry-Andy Kendall fight that two ranked fighters had met at promoter Pete Ashlock's Orlando Sports Stadium, and it was Pete's 15th card of the year.

The scheduled 10-round semifinal was a rematch between "Mr. Excitement," Joey Vincent, 148, and Simmie (Spider) Black, 144, Memphis. Staggered and down twice in the opening round from slips, Vincent rallied to score a third-round KO and earn a shot here against Tony Gardner.

On the undercard: Frankie Santore, 136, Orlando (formerly Melbourne, Florida), scored a knockdown en route to a six-round decision over Yves Charlotin, 134, Miami; Scott "Golden Boy" Clark, 146½, Orlando, celebrated his 18th birthday with a first-round KO over Willie Dexter, 143, Miami; and Jimmy Owens, 146, Miami, stopped Jimmie Murray, 150, Belle Glade, also in the opening round. Owens is now 3-0, 3 KOs, and is the sole conqueror of Scott Clark, now 5-1.

▲ **FORT LAUDERDALE**—New promoter Richard Stacy did well with his first show, with local light heavies Bobby Lloyd and Lee (Junior) Royster hooking up in the 12-round feature bout for state light heavy honors.

Lloyd scored four knockdowns all told and knocked out Royster near the end of the 10th round. Royster hit his head on the way down, and was out for many minutes. Taken to a hospital, Royster was out of it for about four hours, but was released the next day.

In the semifinal, Bahamian junior middle Sammy Barr, 154, stopped local trier Jerry Hill, 155, in round two. Debuting Carl Germaine, 140, Ft. Lauderdale, stopped 150-bout veteran Jerry Powers, 138, Miami, in the fourth when Jerry wasn't punching back. Ray Lavarro, age somewhere between 40 and 50, took a welterweight four from Cliff Johnson, both from here. Two full-contact karate bouts helped filled the Armory for Stacy.

▲**ORLANDO** — In a rematch of their controversial double-knockout almost three months earlier, Victor "Taco" Perez, 156, Sanford, gained revenge by halting an exhausted George Madison, 157, Evansville, Ind., in the fifth round.

Madision, unable to land his vaunted right hand, as the Taco Kid out-thought and out-fought Madison, who became arm weary by the third round and then totally fatigued as Perez began whipping in thudding body punches.

After goind down twice in the fifth, and clutching and hanging on without any effort to return Taco's fire, Madison was rescued by Willie McBride. The fans, who had applauded Madison so wildly in his first-round KO over Joey Vincent and his subsequent return visit which saw Perez also halted in one, this time booed the reluctant Hoosier from the ring.

In a dull eight-rounder, Johnny Herd, 158, Chicago, outpointed an ill-conditioned Eddie Davis, 156, Tampa. Herd was the only man to lick Madison, and showed some nice moves, but was not extended by the normally tough Davis, who had taken contenders Irish Gene Wells and Vinnie Curto to split decisions here.

Milton Owens, 165, formerly St. Petersburg but now living in Orlando, scored an Orlando Sports Stadium record fast KO when he blitzed Gary Thomas, 164, Evansville, Indiana, at only 0:15 of the opening round. That's including the 10-count. Owens, now 3-0, recorded his first stoppage against a fairly tough foe.

Comebacking Al Migliorato, 189, moved from Wampum, Pennsylvania, to Orlando and signed a contract with Pete Ashlock. OUT FOR A year due to an auto accident's injuries, the handsome Italian sensation was embarrassed by the inept showing of Bilp Jackson, 196, Evansville, who departed in the first round without offering much resistance.

▲**FERNANDINA BEACH,** Topping a pro-am card in this little upstate town was local hero Max Hord, 156, who survived some rocky moments in the first round to halt game Jimmy Thomas, 155, Miami, in round two. Thomas was bloodied about the nose midway through the first, but the pair stood toe-to-toe until late in the second, when Hord connected with a left hook to drop the Miamian.

Thomas arose wobbly, but dangerous, and both men fired hard shots until Hord landed the big one, putting Thomas down and out at 2:44.

Southern junior middleweight champ Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross and highly rated middleweight Vinnie Curto, formerly of Miami but now signed with Pete Ashlock and an Orlando-based stablemate of Ross, went three rounds in a punishing exhibition.

▲**BRUNSWICK, GA.** — A Labor Day rematch at Selden Park saw Henry (Slick) Mitchell repeat an eight-round duke over townsman Leon Futch in a middleweight encounter. Amateurs backed this one up.

THOMPKINS STOPS C.J. BAR BROWN IN 1ST.

By JIM BUSS

ALLENTOWN, PA. — Young heavyweight Jerry Thompkins (196) of Elizabeth, N.J. scored a big upset victory over C.J. Bar Brown (207) at New York City before a paid crowd of 674 in the feature attraction of a professional boxing card promoted by the Lehigh Athletic Club in the Holiday Inn West ballroom.

Thompkins stopped Brown in just 1:03 of the first round for his seventh win without a loss and his fifth by the knockout route. Thompkins came storming out of his corner at the opening bell of the scheduled eight rounder and decked Brown (10-3-2) with a left-right combination to the head in a neutral corner.

Brown, who was making his fourth appearance here, got up but never was able to get out of the corner as Thompkins came back with devasting left hooks, right uppercuts and crosses to the head, forcing referee Gene Pinter to halt the bout with Brown standing defenseless and not returning any punches from the corner.

Immediately after the bout, Thompkins, managed by Lou Duva, issued a challenge to fifth-ranked Larry Holmes of Eastern, Pennsylvania. Holmes earlier in the evening had served as a second in the corner of Easton Welterweight Sam Hailstock.

In the sixth round semi-windup, Allentown lightweight Willie Rodriguez (136) scored a very unpopular decision over veteran Luis Vega (139) of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Rodriguez, who had been knocked out by Vega when both were amateurs, won a split verdict by using a good left hand. Vega, however, appeared to have won the fight by scoring well and left hooks to the head and rights to the body despite being shorter and at a reach disadvantage.

Rodriguez's record went to 6-1 while Vega's dipped to 11-7-3. Afterward, talks were started to rematch the pair in an eight-round feature bout in the near future. Vega had taken this bout at the last minute when Rodriguez's scheduled foe Ernie Bing of Atlantic City, N.J. refused to fight due to a dispute over a weight difference.

In a second six-rounder, Bobby Patterson (160) of Paterson, N.J. scored a unanimous decision over Fred (Scrapiron) Daniels of Philadelphia. Patterson floored Daniels with a left hook to the jaw for an eight count in the first round. Patterson scored almost at will throughout and possessed a potent left hook and right uppercut but could not floor Daniels a second time.

Three four-rounders were also on the card. Hailstock (145) stopped Paul Moore (143) of Philadelphia in 59 seconds of the second round. Hailstock (4-0-1) put Moore down with a right to the head for a seven count. Moore fell face down and when he get to his feet was unsteady forcing referee Jackie Lennon to stop the bout.

Bobby Wert (165) of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, won a split decision over Billy Perez (168) of Blackwood N.J. Perez tired badly during the past two rounds. He was floored with a flurry of rights and lefts along the ropes late in the second round after having scored with some good hooks to the head and a right to the body of Wert.

Allentown's Steve Michalerya (150) won a unanimous decision over Freddie Robinson (155) of Philadelphia. Robinson insisted upon clowning like Muhammad Ali for all four rounds and occasionally tossed wild lefts and rights. Michalerya forced the fight and piled up points, particularly with his left. At one point, Robinson, who frequently taunted Michalerya, was heard to say "You hit like my mother." Robinson was warned to fight in the third round with the crowd got on him.

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